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ALBERT MATTHEWS

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our Province of Ontario, and to every of you—GREETING.

L. E. BLACKWELL, *Attorney-General.*

WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested, on Thursday, the Fifteenth day of February now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the Despatch of Business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature for the Province of Ontario, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the GREAT SEAL of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS:

THE HONOURABLE ALBERT MATTHEWS, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At Our City of Toronto in Our said Province, this Third day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-five and in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

C. F. BULMER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Thursday, the Fifteenth Day of February, 1945, being the first day of the Second Session of the Twenty-first Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

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3 O'CLOCK P.M.

And the House having met,

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province then entered the House and, being seated on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly

As you meet at the Opening of the Second Session of the Twenty-first Legislature, I wish to extend my best wishes as you resume your Legislative duties.

At the outset I would like to take the opportunity to join with you in paying respect to the memory of a former Speaker, the Honourable W. D. Black, who has died since we last met. For nearly half a century, Mr. Black was prominent in the public life of Ontario and won the affection and esteem of all who knew him. He sat continuously as a member of this Legislature from 1911 until 1943, when advancing years led to his retirement. I believe that as we pay respect to his memory we may well recall such examples of long public service.

Since you were last in session, the United Nations have gone forward from victory to victory, and statements issuing from the meeting of the three leaders of our combined effort do give reason for confidence that the war in Europe is

rapidly reaching its climax. But there will still be hard and costly fighting, and our first thought must be with those who bear the brunt of that mighty struggle and with their loved ones at home who wait in anxiety for their safe return.

Education lays the foundation for the strength of Ontario and of every other part of Canada. Many important changes have been made in our educational system. The most important single step which has been taken is the assumption by the Government of fifty per cent of the total cost of elementary and secondary education throughout the province. This will make it possible to equalize educational opportunity as never before, and it will enable the Department of Education to accelerate the improvement of many of our less satisfactory schools. It will greatly relieve the burden of taxation on real estate for school purposes, and in this way have the effect of encouraging the building and improvement of homes where all education begins.

Much has been done already to improve the possibilities of good rural education. Approximately one-quarter of the old school sections have been merged in Township School Areas. This brings to children in the rural schools better teachers, standard courses of instruction, and wider opportunities to continue their education through the secondary school grades. Special grants have been offered to rural high schools which adapt the regular school courses to local needs by the introduction of practical agriculture, shop work and home economics; open the school for use as a community centre, and provide hot lunches for pupils who come from a distance. Thirty schools have already undertaken this special program, and many others have indicated their intention of following the same course as soon as staff and equipment are available. More rural schools with an enrolment below eight have been closed temporarily, bringing the number closed up to 425. The value of this policy is not so much the saving in cost as it is the improvement of instruction which can be given in the larger class-groups.

The provincial scholarship plan has been considerably expanded to aid able but needy students. Five hundred and eighteen winners of scholarships and bursaries are now studying in our universities, normal schools and other institutions of higher learning.

A new step has been taken in the field of advanced technical training by the opening of the Ontario Mining Institute at Haileybury. Under the direction of an Advisory Committee, which represents all phases of mining activity, the Institute is already functioning satisfactorily.

One of the most interesting developments in the past year has been the opening of a training centre in Toronto for ex-service men and women. This is the first establishment of its kind in Canada. It is under the administrative direction of the Department of Education, working in full co-operation with the Dominion Government as part of the broad rehabilitation program. Training is already being given in fourteen different occupations, and instruction in other trades will be available as soon as the need arises. There is a great demand for special educational training which will prepare returning veterans for university courses or vocational training, and a highly successful tutorial course has been established which will be expanded rapidly as demobilization proceeds.

It is fully recognized that the efficiency of any system of education depends primarily upon the teachers themselves, and it has been the desire of the Department of Education to improve teaching standards throughout the province and to put the teaching profession upon a sound and satisfactory basis. Since the passing of the Ontario Teaching Profession Act during the last Session, the Teachers' Federation has assumed new responsibilities and has given to the teachers of the province a means of expression and professional direction which will be of great help to them and to the whole province. It appears that many improvements which are so necessary in educational administration would be greatly helped if there were some single organization of a similar nature which brought together the combined opinion of all Boards of School Trustees throughout Ontario.

The serious shortage of trained teachers, which has reached critical proportions in all provinces, was met in Ontario by organizing summer sessions in two Normal Schools and in the Ontario College of Education. The closing of many schools was averted by this action. And the results were so satisfactory that it will not be necessary to conduct these special courses during the coming year. There is, however, a definite need for teachers of general shop work and trade subjects. To meet this need, the Ontario Training College for Technical Teachers was reopened last month.

Guidance of the instruction of pupils is arousing ever increasing interest, and a Provincial Director of Guidance has been appointed to extend the full advantages of this important educational development to every part of the province. School Boards may now employ their own Guidance Officer. Material which will assist in organizing this work in the schools can now be secured from the Ontario College of Education at cost price.

New courses have been introduced which place special emphasis upon character, physical fitness, and citizenship. Religious education has been extended as a part of the curriculum in the public schools, and in co-operation with the Inter-Church Committee on Weekday Religious Education, a Teacher's Manual and guide books for the first four grades have been prepared and issued. Under a Director of Physical and Health Education, courses have been revised and greatly extended. Cadet training has been introduced as a part of the high school program. This course is co-related with physical and health education to develop physical fitness, initiative, and a sense of responsibility. Another important development has been the appointment of a Provincial Supervisor of Art, who is responsible for encouraging the arts and crafts, placing particular emphasis upon the use of local materials. Increased emphasis has been placed upon the teaching of history and the responsibilities of citizenship. A very valuable new book has just been completed explaining the history and operation of Canadian institutions, which will shortly be ready for use in Grade XII. Many further revisions of school courses are under consideration but are delayed for the present by wartime shortages and the difficulty of obtaining new text books.

A committee has been set up to assist in the planning, construction and equipment of schools. The purpose of this advisory committee is to take advantage of new construction methods so that schools may be built at the lowest possible cost, and at the same time give every modern advantage to the pupils.

This committee will be of great assistance in carrying out a much-needed program of school renovation and construction.

The Department of Health has done much to ensure a maximum of public health and preventive services for all of the people within the province despite the difficulties of carrying out a comprehensive program under wartime conditions. The principle of larger units for public health administration is being accepted by local authorities. A return to civilian life of physicians, nurses and other technical staff will make it possible to establish a substantial number of units throughout the province at that time. Two such units were established last year and three more are now being organized.

The plan of the Department for securing public health nurses has been most effective. Fifty-two nurses were recruited and are now taking the post-graduate training required for this work. They will be available on May 1st, 1945.

The Government has extended an opportunity to other professional personnel to secure the needed special qualifications required for positions in these units. It is proposed to continue this plan for another year.

The health of the worker, particularly in industry, continues to assume its proper relationship to the public health program as a whole. The Department is hopeful of the opportunity during the coming year to set up one or more demonstration units in selected highly industrialized areas. The purpose of these is to show what can be accomplished in this field when an effective method of extending this service is carried out.

Sustained efforts are being made to reduce the incidence of social diseases. It may be noted that during the past year there has been a substantial drop in the number of reported cases of the most serious of these diseases. Legislation will be introduced to further assist an effective control program.

The problem of the control of tuberculosis is still mainly one of increased diagnostic facilities and adequate sanatarium accommodation. It has been demonstrated that the mass survey of entire communities by x-ray is both practicable and effective. An extension of this method of case finding is being undertaken.

Post-war construction of needed sewage disposal and water supply plants is being considered in an increasing number of communities now in need of this type of service. It has been of extreme interest to note the acceptance by the public at large of the need for quite substantial commitments on the part of the local authorities in support of these projects.

The protection of the public food supply is a task assuming substantial proportions, and a survey of the procedure now being followed in both urban and rural municipalities will be undertaken during the coming year.

Over-crowding in the mental hospitals of the province continues to be a cause of great concern. The return of the Ontario Hospital at St. Thomas, which is an early possibility, will only provide temporary relief of the need for additional beds. An addition to the hospital at Orillia is now nearing completion,

and new hospitals in other parts of the province will be part of our post-war program.

Plans are ready for an extensive program of mental hygiene to be implemented upon the return of the fifty-seven psychiatrists of the Department now serving with the Armed Forces.

Reduction of the incidence of cancer continues to receive the attention of the Government. The members of the Cancer Foundation have worked assiduously with the Department in the evolution of a program for an extension of diagnostic and curative services for this condition.

Investigation has shown that the present rate of payment for indigent patients in public hospitals is not sufficient to meet the mounting cost of hospital care at the public ward level. Legislation will be introduced to deal with this subject. Hospital accommodation is under review, and it is hoped that the needs of those municipalities where it is at present insufficient may be met at an early date.

One of the basic problems of medical care is the lack of diagnostic facilities, particularly in the smaller communities. The cost of necessary equipment, the difficulty of securing a technical staff and medical men with the required skill and experience in interpretation, make local effort in many areas virtually impossible. This problem has been and is being studied with a view to establishing a comprehensive program within the coming year, augmented as soon as personnel is available.

The Board, set up under authority of the Municipal Health Services Act, 1944, has reported that there is a total lack of reliable information as to the cost of operating comprehensive curative health services. Due to this and a shortage of personnel, there is no present possibility of making these services generally applicable throughout the province. The Board is attempting to establish municipal services in a few representative communities in order that exact information as to the cost can be obtained.

The Government has continued to receive the co-operation of the medical profession, both individually and collectively, in its efforts to promote a constructive program of public health, preventive care, and curative health services.

The Department of Public Welfare has put into effect new food schedules so that persons requiring assistance may be assured of an adequate diet based on proper nutritional requirements. The Government makes a contribution to the municipality of 50% of the cost of these food allowances. Mothers' Allowances have also been increased where need is shown. New Day Nurseries and Day Care Centres are being opened. Twenty-two of the former and forty of the latter are now in operation. A Youth and Child Welfare Division has been established to deal specially with the problems of these groups.

The work of the Department of Labour has been greatly expanded. The Regional War Labour Board for Ontario has continued to function during the past year under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Labour. This Board administers the Wartime Wages Control Order in the Province of Ontario as

part of the Dominion machinery set up to prevent inflation. Approximately 8,000 cases were considered last year by this Board, or about one-third of the total for the whole Dominion. In addition to applications for rate adjustments, the Board has dealt with many applications concerning sick benefit schemes, group insurance, pension schemes, extended vacation programs and hospitalization. These advances in the protection and welfare of industrial workers will undoubtedly have a permanent place in the conditions of employment in industry, and will be available to many ex-service men returning to their peacetime occupations.

The Workmen's Compensation Act will be broadened again this year to bring additional classes of workers under its protection and legislation will be introduced for this purpose. I am advised that it is the opinion of my Ministers that every person who works for an employer should ultimately have the protection of this Act.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board has disposed of a great majority of the 400 cases submitted to it since it was established last April. It is worthy of note that the number of cases in which the employer and employee members of the Board have been in disagreement has been almost negligible, and it is a gratifying fact that the man-days of work lost in industrial disputes throughout Ontario have been considerably reduced. The Ontario Government has agreed with the Dominion Government that all decisions of the Board shall be subject to appeal to the National Wartime Labour Relations Board.

The Minimum Wage Act and the regulations thereunder will be amended to secure a more satisfactory remuneration for female workers and to change the hours of work from 52 to 48. Rates of pay will be adjusted by the Industry and Labour Board.

The pressing needs of war production and the shortage of labour have made it necessary for the Department of Labour to exercise great care in administering the Act passed last year dealing with hours of work and vacations with pay. Thousands of workers have, however, enjoyed shorter hours and holidays with pay. All work over 48 hours, or above any lower minimum, which may have been established in particular industries, has been considered as overtime work. This Act has caused work to be spread among a greater number of workers, an effect which will be more pronounced after the war. The Department of Labour has been co-operating in the effort to provide technical and practical training for men discharged from the Armed Forces. Provision has been made, for example, to allow stationary engineers, when demobilized, to count their period of war service in meeting the requirements for operating experience.

Agriculture continues to be the most important basic industry in Ontario. In the past year production increased in spite of the critical shortage of farm labour, and the demands upon our farmers this year will be equally great.

During the past year, considerable study has been devoted to the organization and administration of the Ontario Agricultural College, the MacDonald Institute, and the Ontario Veterinary College. Appropriate steps will be taken to bring these important institutions, which are situated on one campus, under a co-ordinated plan of administration, which will make the utmost use of all their educational, research, and other facilities.

The Ontario Stockyards have been taken over and placed under the control of the Ontario Stockyards Board. Its operation has already proved most satisfactory.

Pasture is one of our most important crops which has for many years received little attention. The Government has embarked on an extensive series of demonstration lots where experiments in various types of permanent pasture are carried out under the supervision of County Field Crop Associations. Further extensions of this important program will be undertaken this year.

County Agricultural Committees have been organized in many counties and it seems likely that most if not all the counties of Ontario will soon have committees of outstanding farmers to guide and assist agricultural production in their own counties.

Heavy Dominion taxation, manpower shortage, and wartime restrictions continue to depress Ontario's great mining industry and to affect adversely the revenues of the province and the mining municipalities. The value of mineral production in 1944 was $210,000,000 as compared with $230,000,000 in 1943. This was mainly because of lowered output from the gold mines, which fell from more than $122,000,000 in 1940 to $65,000,000 in 1944. The number of producers have fallen from 74 in 1941 to less than 40 at the present time. There are indications that other producing mines will be forced to abandon operations in the near future. In terms of revenue the decline is much more marked, with the Government collecting less than 19% of the amount collected in 1941 from gold production. The Royal Ontario Mining Commission, appointed in October, 1943, has made an exhaustive report on mining in the province. Some of its recommendations have already been put into effect and others will be presented to you in the form of legislation. A meeting of Provincial Mines Ministers is to be held in Quebec this Spring when it is hoped that solutions will be found for various problems, including that of overlapping taxation.

You will be gratified to learn that the Provincial Treasurer has completed an agreement with the Treasurer of the Province of Quebec whereby overlapping of Succession Duties upon estates situated within the two provinces will be avoided. A similar arrangement has been completed with the Province of Nova Scotia. The remaining provinces have been invited to enter into similar agreements, so that multiple provincial taxation may be ended. Important amendments designed to clarify the provisions of the Succession Duty Act and thus make for better administrative procedure will be presented to you for consideration.

The Travel and Publicity Bureau arranged during the year an important conference on post-war tourist planning. The proceedings are printed and have been in wide demand. The Bureau is respecting the wish of the Government of the United States that long distance travel should not be encouraged at present, but contacts are being maintained and plans laid for attracting tourists to Ontario after the war.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway is also exploring the possibilities of the tourist trade and investigating supplementary methods of transportation. Although the railway has not participated to any noticeable

extent in the business expansion which the war industries have brought to certain parts of the province, and although it has felt the effects of the depressed condition of the mining industry, the Commissioners have cause for satisfaction in reporting that for the year ended March 31st, 1944, the gross revenues of the railway reached an all-time high of $6,358,428.95. The Commission is considering a substantial program of expansion this year, which includes boat service on the Temagami Lakes and on Lake Nipissing, together with the purchase of additional rail equipment and general improvement in facilities.

The Department of Game and Fisheries has completed plans for additional fish hatcheries designed to take care of the increasing demands on the game and commercial fish of the province. To ensure that these facilities will be put to the best possible use it is proposed to add to the staff of the Fish Culture Branch a number of men with biological training or who are qualified to take such training. A general survey of water conditions is to be made, with special enquiry into natural and artificial barriers in lakes and streams which obstruct the passage of fish to the spawning beds. The desirability of establishing fish ladders where obstructions cannot be removed will also be considered. This Department, which derives substantial revenues from hunting and fishing licenses, also proposes to improve tourist accommodations through a more intensive camp inspection and a program of education. Crown Lands where fur-bearing animals may be taken will be zoned, and preference in the allocation of areas will be given to experienced trappers and war veterans.

To achieve uniformity in Vital Statistics Laws throughout the Dominion, a new Vital Statistics Act will be introduced. Legislation will also be introduced to permit the province to replace County and City Gaols with suitable modern institutions, where that may be deemed advisable. The Mimico Reformatory, which for several years has been used by the Federal authorities for war purposes, was returned to the control of the province last May and is again being used as a reformatory. Facilities for training and accommodation at the Ontario Training School for Girls have been almost doubled, and a suitable gymnasium has been provided.

The municipalities of the province are shown by their reports to be in a sound financial position, and have led the way in debt reduction for the whole of Canada. Investments in post-war reserves already total $1,827,569. Amendments to the Assessment Act will be introduced which, among other provisions, will enable municipalities to collect taxes from Crown tenants of commercial properties. The Municipal Act will also be amended in important particulars.

The Government recognizes that the forests, the lands and the streams, and their resources, constitute Ontario's greatest asset for the employment of the skills of her people, and for their health and enjoyment. Our forests must produce perpetual supplies of raw material if they are to provide continuous employment for our citizens. To assure this employment and to produce the required material our forests must be adequately protected, and the crop must be cultured and improved. The Government, therefore, proposes first to bring the protection of the forests to a high standard of efficiency, and to make it possible to maintain a continuously high standard in the years to come. It proposes secondly to assure proper management of these forests. These plans embody rehabilitation opportunities on a large scale for war veterans. An imme-

diate project is to find, if possible, some way of controlling the Budworm epidemic in Northern Ontario. A large scale experiment is proposed along practical lines in the Nipigon Lake Area. The Legislature will be asked to provide funds to purchase the most modern insecticides and when these are made available by the Wartime Priorities Board an area of over 100,000 acres will be treated by aerial methods. Our air fleet, greatly depleted in the war years, will be augmented by the purchase of four of the most modern aircraft.

A laboratory at Sault Ste. Marie for the study of forest insects will be completed during the year as part of a long term program for the protection of our forests from insects. This laboratory, in equipment and staffing, will be among the most modern in the world. The Forest Rangers who fight fires and supervise timber cutting are the foundation of the protection and management system. The new Ranger School in Haliburton will be opened this year. Here it will be possible for rangers and for key men in the woods industries to attend and take advantage of the educational facilities provided by this advanced school. In the field of Reforestation, preparations are being made to add to the production of our forest nurseries by additions to existing stations, and by the establishment of new stations where needed. You will be asked to consider legislation to permit counties to deal with the cutting of wood lots on patented lands within their municipal boundaries. Authority will also be sought to provide a body of trained men capable of dealing with the broad questions of management in our forests.

In keeping with wartime conditions, the work of the Department of Highways during the past year has been confined almost entirely to maintenance and only minor construction involving the replacement of bridges was undertaken. The Department faced a serious shortage of equipment and manpower and considerable deterioration of many highways has been the result. To prevent serious damage being caused to many road surfaces, a program of light bituminous paving was successfully carried out. More than 200 miles of main highway were surfaced in this manner, which will give a substantial saving in maintenance costs in the coming year. Exceptionally heavy snowfall throughout the province, accompanied by high winds, caused increased expenditure and taxed the snow plowing facilities of the Department to the limit. Increased financial assistance was given to the municipalities, particularly in regard to bridges. Recognizing the importance of the county and township roads to the war effort, very little reduction was made in the subsidy grants.

For the coming year capital expenditure will again be confined to those highways serving military camps, airports and war industries. It is proposed to continue the program of light bituminous surfacing so far as available equipment and manpower will permit, not only as a means of reducing maintenance expenditures but also to conserve available supplies of gravel for future use. Additional snow plowing equipment is being purchased and arrangements will also be made whereby road maintenance machinery, such as power graders, will be available for rental to sparsely settled townships which cannot finance this equipment themselves.

The Department has a comprehensive program of post-war work. Engineering data and bridge design have now advanced to the stage that work could be started on short notice should the necessity arise to provide employment for returning war veterans or those presently engaged in war industries. Proposed

legislation affecting this Department is confined to minor amendments to The Highway Improvement Act and The Highway Traffic Act, which are designed to clarify the administration of certain sections of both Acts.

The Department of Public Works has plans prepared and work projected for a program of building construction which will have a beneficial and far-reaching effect, in that it will provide nine million man days' work throughout the province. The amount of work so provided will apply to all branches of the construction industry, including not only the personnel engaged in, or directly connected with the actual building operations, but also to those engaged directly and indirectly in the production, supply, or manufacture of the materials and other equipment and furnishings to be used. It is proposed to proceed with building projects urgently required to fill present requirements, as soon as the necessary men, materials and equipment can be obtained.

Electrical energy generated and purchased by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to supply the Ontario load reached an all-time high exceeding twelve billion kilowatt-hours. All the demands for war activities in Ontario have been met and essential domestic and municipal power requirements have suffered no shortage. The Ogoki diversion and the remedial weir above Niagara Falls continued to have a beneficial effect upon the output of the generating stations on the Niagara River, and the new plant at DeCew Falls added its full quota to the power resources of southern Ontario.

The Commission has agreed, as trustee for the Government, to purchase the power system of the Northern Ontario Power Company Limited for $12,500,000. If and when the necessary legal details have been completed the Commission will take over its operation. The properties include eight hydro-electric plants with an installed capacity of 66,840 horsepower, 739 miles of transmission lines and 157 miles of distribution lines. When acquired the properties will be amalgamated with the Abitibi district of the Northern Ontario Properties, thus eliminating duplication of service and resulting in great economies. The acquisition of these properties will also enable the Commission to extend its Hydro rural service to many consumers in the areas served by the Company. It will further allow the Commission to reduce the cost of power to the mines in this territory from $36.00 per horsepower to the price recently approved by the Government to all mines served by the Commission, which is $27.50 per horsepower. The new price of $27.50 per horsepower will represent a great saving which will encourage development in hard rock mining in that area in the immediate post-war era.

Notwithstanding the restricted supply of labour and materials, the Commission has been able to construct 400 miles of rural primary line, chiefly short extensions to existing lines, as compared with 40 miles in 1943. Service was given to about 10,000 new consumers, 7,000 of whom received service from lines which already existed. The Commission is projecting plans for a vigorous 5-year post-war rural Hydro program.

The average power sold to all rural consumers, including war industries in rural areas, increased by nearly 14 per cent. There is strong evidence everywhere of a keen desire to use more electricity. This desire has been stimulated by the new uniform rural rate structure. As a result of increased use and the lower rates

incorporated in the new schedule the average cost to rural consumers decreased in 1944 from 2.6 to about 2.3 cents per kilowatt-hour or about 11 per cent. It is the purpose of the Commission to encourage greater consumption by rural consumers, which will further reduce the cost of power.

The Attorney-General will submit several measures considered to be in the public interest. Legislation repealing The Securities Act and substituting a new Act will be introduced.

At the last session of the Assembly a Select Committee was appointed with instructions to study the Acts governing the holding of Provincial Elections, with a view to their general revision. This Committee has held a number of meetings during the recess and has given careful consideration to the Acts referred to it. The Committee's report will be tabled. Bills revising The Active Service Election Act, The Voters' Lists Act and The Election Act will be introduced.

A Royal Commission was established with wide powers to study the question of safety in public halls. The report of the Commission has been received, and, as a result, legislation will be submitted which will require public halls to maintain certain definite standards of safety.

The Department of Planning and Development, which was created last year, will introduce a Bill dealing with conservation and flood control and also one providing for town planning. There is need for a comprehensive and effective solution of the problem of flood control, especially in certain watersheds in Southern Ontario. The Government recognizes that any fully effective undertakings designed to control floods must combine the appropriate engineering projects with a broad and complete programme of conservation, restoration and development of the natural resources of the whole watershed. Such programmes must be carried out with the full co-operation and agreement of the various groups of people residing in the watershed. The main responsibility will necessarily rest with the municipal governments. The Conservation and Flood Control Bill will, therefore, provide for the establishment of conservation and flood control authorities, to be appointed by the municipalities concerned.

The Government recognizes the advisability of laying the foundation for municipal planning, especially to enable municipalities to derive the fullest advantage from post-war construction, and also to enable municipalities and their citizens to take the utmost advantage of the provisions of The National Housing Act. The Government will present a Town and Regional Planning Bill which will enable municipalities to carry out their plans effectively, and will also enable a group of municipalities to enter into a joint plan where they have common planning problems.

The Ontario Civil Service has been assured of greatly improved conditions of employment and amendments will be introduced to The Public Service Act. May I take this opportunity to pay a tribute to the splendid work done by the Civil Servants of this province during more than five years of war. The Queen's Park War Service Guild and other organizations within the Civil Service also deserve great credit for what they have done to assist the members of our armed forces overseas.

The Government is greatly concerned about the delay in the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference for which it has been pressing for considerably more than a year. With brighter hopes of victory in Europe, the need for such a conference becomes increasingly imperative and the Government has again asked that at least a preliminary meeting be held to settle the basic principles upon which inter-governmental co-operation must rest if some of the most important plans for post-war construction, rehabilitation and social services are to be prepared upon a workable basis.

The Public Accounts for the year ending March 31st, 1944, have been issued, and estimates for the coming year will be placed before you.

In conclusion, I wish to express the hope that Divine Providence may so guide your deliberations that your work may promote the general welfare of the people of Ontario.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

PRAYES.

Mr. Speaker then reported,.

That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table a return from the records of the general election to the Legislative Assembly held on the 28th of July and the 4th of August in 1943, and a subsequent by-election held in the Electoral District of Haldimand-Norfolk on the 13th and 20th of March in 1944, showing:

'1. The number of votes polled for each candidate in each Electoral District in which there was a contest. 2. The majority whereby each successful candidate was returned. 3. The total number of votes polled. 4. The number of votes remaining unpolled. 5. The number of names on the polling lists. 6. The number of ballot papers sent out to each polling place. 7. The used ballot papers. 8. The unused ballot papers 9. The rejected ballot papers. 10. The cancelled ballot papers. 11. The decl.ined ballot papers. 12. The ballot papers taken from polling places. 13. Total number of printed ballots not distributed to D.R.O.'s. 14. Total number of ballot papers printed. 15. A general summary of votes cast in each Electoral District. (*Sessional Paper No. 40, 1945.*)

The following Bill was introduced and read for the first time:—

Bill (No. 25), intituled, "An Act to provide for the voting of Active Service Voters at a General Election to the Assembly." *Mr. Blackwell.*

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor to this House be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Blackwell,

Ordered, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes: 1. On Privileges and Elections; 2. On Education; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills; 4. On Standing Orders; 5. On Public Accounts; 6. On Printing; 7. On Municipal Law; 8. On Legal Bills; 9. On Agriculture and Colonization; 10. On Fish and Game; 11. On Labour.

Which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House then adjourned at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Johnston, the Petition of the Corporation of the Town of Barrie.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Welland; also, the Petition of the Corporation of the Township of Crowland.

By Mr. Laurier, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa; also, the Petition of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of the City of Ottawa.

By Mr. Dent, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock.

By Mr. Scott, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough.

By Mr. Roberts, the Petition of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara; also, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

By. Mr. Stewart (Kingston), the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Kingston.

By Mr. Cook, the Petition of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

By Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), the Petition of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas.

By Mr. Robinson (Port Arthur), the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Port Arthur.

By Mr. Carlin, the Petition of the Sacred Heart College of Sudbury.

By Mr. Mitchell, the Petition of William A. Armstrong, Harold J. Badden, E. Roy Butler, et al.

By Mr. Duckworth, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Toronto.

By Mr. Millard, the Petition of the Corporation of the Village of Swansea.

Mr. Blackwell, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed by the Assembly on April 5th, 1944, for "the purpose of studying The Voters' Lists Act, The Election Act and The Active Service Election Act with a view to a general revision of the said Acts and to report the result of their deliberations to this House at the next session thereof" presented the Report of the said Committee which was laid upon the Table.

The House then adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the Town of Barrie, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Petitioners to purchase the Barrie Arena from the Barrie Agricultural Arena, Limited, and to issue debentures of $30,000.00 in connection therewith.

Of the Corporation of the City of Welland, praying that an Act may pass validating an agreement between the Petitioners and the Erie Coach Lines, Limited, providing for one exclusive franchise to the said Erie Coach Lines, Limited.

Of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing a change in the constitution of the Board of Governors of the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock, praying that an Act may pass validating a by-law and agreement to confer an exclusive ten-year franchise for the operation of buses made between the Corporation and the Bluebird Coach Lines.

Of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a Civic Hospital and the issue of debentures to the amount of $600,000.00 in connection therewith.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, praying that an Act may pass extending the authority of the Petitioners in the matter of the investment of the general trust funds.

Of the Corporation of the City of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a Community Centre and a variation in the terms of a contract for rental and sale of property to Hiedel Bros., Limited.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, praying that an Act may pass authorizing an increase in the number of members of the Board of the Seminary and an extension of the powers of the Board to hold real and personal property.

Of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to establish or acquire an airport, to close certain streets and for other purposes.

Of the Corporation of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures to the amount of $175,000.00 to aid in financing an extension to the General Hospital of Port Arthur.

Of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the holding of elections to the said Board every second year on the same day as the election of the Municipal Council of Ottawa.

Of the Sacred Heart College of Sudbury praying that an Act may pass raising the College to the status of a University to be known as the University of Sudbury.

Of William A. Armstrong, Harold J. Badden, E. Roy Butler, et al, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the incorporation of a Club to be known as the Kingsboro Club and to borrow money and purchase property for the purposes of the Club.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Crowland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Petitioners to make a grant of $10,000.00 out of its surplus funds to the Welland-Crowland Health and Recreational Centre.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to establish and appoint a permanent Planning Board.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass by-laws for slum clearance and low housing projects, to pay certain debenture interest in funds of the United States or Canada and for other purposes.

Of the Corporation of the Village of Swansea, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to purchase a certain watermain on Ellis Avenue from the City of Toronto and to purchase certain waterworks plant from the Township of York.

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That during the present Session of the Legislative Assembly provision be made for the taking of stenographic reports of debates and speeches, and to that end that the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer be authorized to employ the necessary stenographers at such rates of compensation as may be agreed to by him, copies of the said stenographic reports to be supplied to the leaders of the various parties represented in the House, to the Clerk of the House and to the Legislative Library.

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library, such Committee to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Hanna (Chairman), Arnott, Laurier, MacLeod, McEwing, Overall, Reynolds, Robertson and Scott.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of three members.

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to direct the expenditure of any sum set apart in the Estimates for Art purposes, such Committee to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Duckworth (Chairman), Begin, Casselman, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), Oliver, Robson, Salsberg, Taylor (Huron), Warren.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of three members.

On motion by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That a Select Committee of eleven members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient despatch lists of the members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House, such committee to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Anderson, Belanger, Kelly, MacLeod, McPhee, Miller, Murdoch, Porter, Robinson (Waterloo South), Stewart (Kingston) and Strange.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of three members.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 26), intituled, "An Act to amend The Mental Hospitals Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27), intituled, "An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28), intituled, "An Act to amend The Territorial Districts Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), intituled, "An Act to amend The Surveys Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 25), An Act to provide for the Voting of Active Service Voters at a General Election to the Assembly.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

In moving the second reading of Bill (No. 25) the Honourable the Attorney-General tabled the following correspondence between him and the Honourable Norman McLarty, Secretary of State for Canada:—

Ottawa, November 28th, 1944.

The Honourable Norman A. McLarty, K.C.,
Secretary of State.
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. McLarty:

On behalf of the Committee of the Ontario Legislature, of which I am Chair-

man, and on behalf of myself, I wish to express appreciation of the manner in which you were kind enough to facilitate matters at our conference yesterday morning.

The proposal then made on behalf of my Committee is that my Committee recommend to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario a Statute adapting as nearly as may be in the circumstances the provisions of the recent Dominion legislation for the taking of the service vote in the event of a wartime election being held in the Province of Ontario.

Following our earlier conference of yesterday, our officials met with the Dominion election officials and, as well, with officials from the Defence Department for Army, Navy and Air. As a result of this latter conference between officials, I am informed that no difficulty was experienced in determining that full co-operation by Dominion officials in taking an overseas vote in the event of an election in Ontario during the war would be experienced.

I feel I should point out, however, that at the latter conference yesterday, Colonel MacDermid for the Army did raise the question that he did not feel that he should initiate such a recommendation to his Minister but that on his Minister's request for a report he was prepared to so advise.

I appreciate very much that you feel that on behalf of your Government you are able to confirm with me for our Ontario Committee that if our Committee should see fit to recommend to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario legislation as indicated above, that the Legislature of the Province of Ontario may rest assured of the co-operation of the Dominion Government in the event of the necessity of taking the service vote.

I quite appreciate that such assurance is, of course, on the assumption that any variation in Ontario regulations governing the actual mechanics of taking such vote will have to be worked out between our respective officials.

Yours sincerely.

L. E. BLACKWELL,
Attorney-General of Ontario.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA

Ottawa, November 28th, 1944.

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In connection with our various conversations in Ottawa and your letter of to-day's date relative to the procedure to be adopted for the taking of a service vote for the Province of Ontario in the event of a wartime election, I appreciate your kind expression of appreciation.

Your letter indicates you would like some confirmation to present to the sub committee of the Ontario House that if it recommends to the Legislature the adoption of legislation to secure the vote of war service electors in accordance with the procedure which the Dominion adopted under the War Service Electors

Act, it might rest assured that the co-operation of the Dominion Government would be forthcoming.

There is only one possible question that could arise and that is the necessity of a definite determination of the Ontario voters from those who are entitled to vote in a Federal election. This, of course, is purely a matter of procedure and you suggest it will present no difficulty.

In view of that fact, I think you may rest assured of the co-operation of the Dominion Government in the event of taking a service vote during the war-time period.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. McLARTY.

The Honourable L. E. Blackwell, K.C.,
Attorney-General of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario.

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 30), intituled, "The Voters' Lists Act, 1945." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 31), intituled, "The Election Act, 1945." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Scott,

That an humble Address be presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

To the Honourable Albert Matthews,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the motion of Mr. Jolliffe,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

The House then adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Blackwell,

Ordered, That Mr. Reynolds, Member for the Electoral District of Leeds, be appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House for the present Session.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 32), intituled, "An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33), intituled, "An Act to amend The Crown Timber Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), intituled, "The Forest Engineers Act, 1945." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 25), An Act to provide for the Voting of Active Service Voters at a General Election to the Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 26), An Act to amend The Mental Hospitals Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 27), An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 28), An Act to amend The Territorial Districts Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), An Act to amend The Surveys Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Stewart (Kingston) from the Select Committee appointed to prepare the lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of the House presented the Committee's report which was read, as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Committees ordered by the House be composed as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Anderson, Arnott, Blackwell, Brown, Casselman, Connor, Cook, Dennison, Dent, Docker, Downie, Duckworth, Duff, Frost, Gordon, Hanna, Hepburn (Elgin), *Hunt, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kelly, Kennedy, Laurier, Leavens, Luckock, MacLeod, Macphail, Millard, Murdoch, Murphy, McEwing, McIntyre, McPhee, Oliver, Patrick, Pringle, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Robson, Scott, Steel, Stewart* (Kingston), *Strange, Webster*—46.

The Quroum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Begin, Belanger, Brown, Carlin, Casselman, Downer, Downie, Duff, Dunbar, Frost, Goodfellow, Hancock, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kehoe, Kelly, Luckock, MacLeod, Macphail, Miller, Murdoch, Murphy, McDonald, McEwing, McPhee, Nixon, Overall, Patrick, Porter, Pringle, Riggs, Roberts, Robinson (Port Arthur), *Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Robson, Strange, Taylor* (Huron), *Vivian, Warren, Webster, Williams*—42.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Acres, Anderson, Arnott, Begin, Belanger, Bennett, Blackwell, Brown, Carlin, Challies, Connor, Cook, Daley, Dennison, Dickson, Docker, Doucett, Downer, Duckworth, Dunbar, Frost, Gordon, Grummett, Hall, Hancock, Hanna, Harvey, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Hepburn* (Elgin), *Hunt, Jolliffe, Kelly, Kennedy, Leavens, Lockhart, Luckock, Macleod, Macphail, Martin, Miller, Mitchell, Murdoch, Murphy, Murray, McDonald, McEwing, McIntyre, McPhee, Nixon, Oliver, Overall, Patrick, Patterson, Porter, Pringle, Reynolds, Roberts, Robinson* (Port Arthur), *Robson, Scott, Smith, Steel, Stewart* (Kingston), *Strange, Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Taylor* (Huron), *Thompson, Thornberry, Vivian, Webster, Williams, Wismer*—73.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Acres, Alles, Anderson, Belanger, Blackwell, Carlin, Connor, Doucett, Duckworth, Frost, Grummett, Hall, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Kelly, Laurier, Lockhart, Luckock, MacLeod, Millard, Miller, Murdoch, McDonald, McPhee, Nixon, Oliver, Overall, Patterson, Porter, Reynolds, Riggs, Robertson, Robson, Scott, Smith, Steel, Stewart* (Kingston), *Strange, Taylor* (Huron), *Warren*—40.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of five members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Acres, Alles, Anderson, Arnott, Begin, Belanger, Bennett, Blackwell, Brown, Casselman, Challies, Connor, Daley, Dennison, Dent, Dickson, Doucett, Downie, Duckworth, Dunbar, Frost, Goodfellow, Gordon, Grummett, Hall, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Hepburn* (Elgin), *Hunt, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kehoe, Kelly, Kennedy, Leavens, Lockhart, Luckock, MacGillivray, MacLeod, Millard, Miller, Mitchell, Murdoch, Murphy, McIntyre, McPhee, Nixon, Oliver, Overall, Patrick, Patterson, Porter, Pringle, Reynolds, Riggs, Roberts, Robinson* (Port Arthur), *Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Smith, Stewart* (Kingston), *Strange, Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Taylor* (Huron), *Thompson, Thornberry, Vivian, Warren, Webster, Williams, Wismer*—70.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Alles, Anderson, Arnott, Begin, Casselman, Challies, Dennison, Dent, Dickson, Docker, Duff, Dunbar, Goodfellow, Hanna, Hunt, Kelly, Kennedy, Laurier, Leavens, Luckock, Millard, Murphy, McIntyre, Pringle, Riggs, Roberts, Robertson, Salsberg, Taylor (Temiskaming)—30.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of five members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Anderson, Arnott, Begin, Belanger, Bennett, Blackwell, Brown, Carlin, Challies, Daley, Dennison, Dent, Docker, Doucett, Duckworth, Dunbar, Frost, Goodfellow, Gordon, Grummett, Hancock, Hanna, Harvey, Hepburn (Elgin), *Hunt, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kehoe, Kelly, Kennedy, Laurier, Leavens, Lockhart, MacGillivray, Martin, Mitchell, Murdoch, Murphy, Murray, McDonald, McEwing, McPhee, Nixon, Patrick, Patterson, Porter, Reynolds, Riggs, Roberts, Robinson* (Port Arthur), *Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Salsberg, Smith, Steel, Stewart* (Kingston), *Strange, Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Thompson, Thornberry, Vivian, Williams*—62.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Arnott, Belanger, Blackwell, Brown, Dennison, Docker, Frost, Grummett, Hancock, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Jolliffe, Kehoe, Kelly, Laurier, MacLeod, Murdoch, McDonald, Nixon, Patrick, Porter, Reynolds, Roberts, Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Scott, Stewart* (Kingston), *Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Taylor* (Huron), *Warren, Wismer*—30.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of five members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Acres, Anderson, Belanger, Brown, Carlin, Casselman, Challies, Cook, Dennison, Dent, Dickson, Doucett, Downer, Downie, Duff, Goodfellow, Hall, Hancock, Hanna, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Hepburn* (Elgin), *Hunt, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kelly, Kennedy, Leavens, Lockhart, Luckock, Macphail, Martin, Mitchell, Murdoch, Murphy, Murray, McDonald, McEwing, McIntyre, Nixon, Oliver, Overall, Patrick, Pringle, Reynolds, Robinson* (Waterloo South), *Robson, Salsberg, Scott, Smith, Steel, Strange, Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Taylor* (Huron), *Thompson, Warren, Webster*—57.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Acres, Alles, Bennett, Brown, Carlin, Casselman, Challies, Cook, Dent, Dickson, Docker, Doucett, Dunbar, Goodfellow,

Gordon, Grummett, Hall, Hancock, Hanna, Harvey, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Hepburn* (Elgin), *Hunt, Johnston, Kehoe, Kelly, Lockhart, Luckock, MacGillivray, Martin, Millard, Miller, Mitchell, Murdoch, Murray, McDonald, McIntyre, McPhee, Nixon, Oliver, Overall, Patrick, Patterson, Porter, Pringle, Reynolds, Riggs, Robinson* (Port Arthur), *Robson, Salsberg, Scott, Smith, Stewar,* (Kingston), *Strange, Taylor* (Temiskaming), *Taylor* (Huron), *Thompson, Warrent Webster, Wismer*—61.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR

The Honourable Mr. Drew, Messrs. Alles, Arnott, Belanger, Blackwell, Carlin, Challies, Connor, Cook, Daley, Duckworth, Gordon, Hall, Harvey, Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), *Hepburn* (Elgin), *Jolliffe, Kelly, Leavens, Luckock, MacGillivray, Millard, Murdoch, Murphy, Murray, McPhee, Nixon, Porter, Reynolds, Riggs, Roberts, Robertson, Robinson* (Port Arthur), *Salsberg, Scott, Steel, Strange, Taylor* (Huron), *Thompson, Williams*—40.

The Quorum of the said Committee to consist of seven members.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 35), intituled, "An Act to amend The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act." *Mr. Frost.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Works Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37), intituled, "An Act to repeal The Political Contributions Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38), intituled, "An Act to amend The Judicature Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Jolliffe,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Scott, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough.

By Mr. Patrick, the Petition of the Corporation of the City of London.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 39), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Bennett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Utilities Act." *Mr. Connor.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Mr. MacLeod, seconded by Mr. Salsberg, moved the adjournment of the House for "The purpose of considering a matter of urgent public importance" which matter related to a request for a statement by the Prime Minister of the Government's policy in connection with the Family Allowances Act passed by the Dominion Parliament, and a debate having arisen it was, on a motion by Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Overall, the Petition of the Corporation of the Township of Stamford.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a body to be known as the Peterborough Memorial Community Centre and the issue of debentures to raise $75,000.00 to aid in the construction of the first unit of such centre.

Of the Corporation of the City of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to provide additional accommodation at the Victoria Hospital at a cost of $100,000.00 and to amend the Act to incorporate the Western Fair Association.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 41), intituled, "The Securities Act, 1945." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 42), intituled, "An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $10,000." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The following Bill was read the third time and was passed:—

Bill (No. 25), An Act to provide for the Voting of Active Service Voters at a General Election to the Assembly.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 26), An Act to amend The Mental Hospital Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 27), An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 28), An Act to amend The Territorial Districts Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 29), An Act to amend The Surveys Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 30), The Voters' Lists Act, 1945.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 32), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to amend The Crown Timber Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting Forest Engineers.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36), An Act to amend The Public Works Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Martin, the Petition of the Ontario Music Teachers' Association.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the Township of Stamford, praying that an Act may pass granting the Township the standing of a town for the purposes of Section 12 of The Assessment Act and Section 24 of The Public Health Act.

Mr. Stewart (Kingston), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented the following as their First Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee has carefully examined the following Petitions and finds the notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Corporation of the Town of Barrie, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Petitioners to purchase the Barrie Arena from the Barrie Agricultural Arena, Limited, and to issue debentures of $30,000.00 in connection therewith.

Of the Corporation of the City of Woodstock, praying that an Act may pass validating a by-law and agreement to confer an exclusive ten year franchise for the operation of buses made between the Corporation and the Bluebird Coach Lines.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, praying that an Act may pass extending the authority of the Petitioners in the matter of the investment of its general trust funds.

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, praying that an Act may pass authorizing an increase in the number of members of the Board of the Seminary and an extension of the powers of the Board to hold real and personal property.

Of the Corporation of the City of St. Thomas, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to establish or acquire an airport, to close certain streets and for other purposes.

Of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the holding of elections to the said

Board every second year on the same day as the election of the Municipal Council of Ottawa.

Of the Sacred Heart College of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass raising the College to the status of a University to be known as the University of Sudbury.

Of William A. Armstrong, Harold J. Badden, E. Roy Butler, et al, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the incorporation of a Club to be known as the Kingsboro Club and to borrow money and purchase property for the purposes of the Club.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass by-laws for slum clearance and low housing projects, to pay certain debenture interest in funds of the United States or Canada and for other purposes.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to establish and appoint a permanent Planning Board.

Of the Corporation of the City of Welland, praying that an Act may pass validating an agreement between the Petitioners and the Erie Coach Lines Limited providing for an exclusive franchise to the said Erie Coach Lines, Limited.

Your Committee recommends that Rule No. 63 of your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 6th day of March next.

Mr. Roberts, from the Select Committee appointed during the Session of 1944 to "consider the Development and Processing of the Lignite Deposits in Ontario," presented the report of the Committee and moved that it be printed as an appendix to the Journals, which was so ordered.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Barrie." *Mr. Johnston.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Welland." *Mr. Brown.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 6), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Woodstock." *Mr. Dent.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 8), intituled, "An Act respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara." *Mr. Roberts.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled, "An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada." *Mr. Cook.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas." *Mr. Hepburn* (Elgin).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board." *Mr. Laurier.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 43), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Belanger.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 26), An Act to amend The Mental Hospitals Act.

Bill (No. 27), An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act.

Bill (No. 28), An Act to amend The Territorial Divisions Act.

Bill (No. 29), An Act to amend The Surveys Act.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:—

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province has, at its present Sittings, passed certain Bills to which, on behalf and in the name of the said Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills that has passed, as follows:—

An Act to provide for the Voting of Active Service Voters at a general election to the Assembly.

An Act to amend The Mental Hospitals Act.

An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act.

An Act to amend The Territorial Divisions Act.

An Act to amend The Surveys Act.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Thursday next.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Overall, the Petition of Branch No. 51 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Ontario Music Teachers' Association, praying that an Act may pass

authorizing a change of name to the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association and authorizing the passing of by-laws respecting the government of the Association.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had given consideration to the amendment to the motion for the consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session which was moved by Mr. Jolliffe on Tuesday and had accepted the amendment as in good standing. It was therefore moved by Mr. Jolliffe and seconded by Mr. Lockhart,

That the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor now before the House be amended by adding thereto the following words:—

But this House regrets:

(1) that the attitude of the Government of Ontario towards the Dominion and other provinces has not assisted in creating conditions of national unity;

(2) that after more than 18 months in office the Government have failed to implement their promises with respect to education, health services and other important matters;

(3) that the Government have failed to forecast legislation that would assure adequate prices for farm products and security of farm tenure in the post-war years;

(4) that the Government have failed to recognize the immediate need for legislation that would provide union security and other collective bargaining rights for labour in the post-war years;

(5) that the Government have failed to accept their own responsibility for planning and organizing the resources of Ontario to guarantee productive employment in the post-war years for men and women now in uniform and for those now engaged in war industries.

The Order of the Day for consideration of notice of Motion No. 1 standing on the Order Paper having been read, Mr. Salsberg moved, seconded by Mr. MacLeod,

"That a select committee of the Legislature be appointed to examine the whole field of labour relations in Canada and other countries and draft for Ontario a Labour Relations Act which will establish the basis of justice, co-operation and responsibility which is so necessary for the welfare and security of all our people. Such committee to hold a public inquiry where labour, employer and public representations may be heard."

Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Frost, moved in amendment:—

"That the motion be amended by striking out all the words after the word 'appointed' and substituting therefor the following.

(*a*) to inquire into and review

(i) all labour relations legislation of the Parliament of Canada and of the Legislatures of the respective Provinces of Canada and of other jurisdictions, and

(ii) all labour relations legislation of this Legislature,

with a view to the improvement of labour relations legislation which is in force in this Province; and

(*b*) to consider the means which might most advantageously be taken to provide labour relations legislation on a national scale at the conclusion of the present war,

and to report thereon, the said Committee to consist of twelve members and be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Daley (Chairman), Blackwell, Carlin, Goodfellow, Jolliffe, Murdoch, Oliver, Patterson, Porter, Riggs, Salsberg and Williams",

and

"That the said Select Committee shall have authority to sit during the recess of the House and shall have full power and authority to call for persons, papers and things and to examine witnesses under oath and that the Assembly command and compel the attendance before the said Select Committee of such persons and the production of such papers and things as the Committee may deem necessary for any of its proceedings and deliberations for which purpose the Honourable the Speaker may issue his warrant or warrants."

A debate having ensued, after some time, the amendment having been put, was carried without division.

The motion, as amended, was then put and declared to be carried.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 15), intituled, "An Act respecting the Sacred Heart College of Sudbury." *Mr. Carlin.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Kingsboro Club." *Mr. Mitchell.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The Prime Minister presented to the House, by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:

Statement of the Legislative grants apportioned to the rural public schools and all separate schools for the year, 1944. (*Sessional Paper No. 41.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of Branch No. 51 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, praying that an Act may pass vesting in the Petitioners the title to certain lands in the City of Niagara Falls.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 44), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Health Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 45), intituled, "An Act respecting Housing Standards." *Mr. Dennison.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 30), The Voters' Lists Act, 1945, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 32), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act, and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 33), An Act to amend The Crown Timber Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 36), An Act to amend The Public Works Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 31), The Election Act, 1945.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 37), An Act to repeal The Political Contributions Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 38), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Nixon, the Petition of the Corporation of the Town of Paris.

By Mr. Grummett, the Petition of the Corporation of the Township of Teck.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 46), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Hospitals Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), intituled, "An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act." *Mr. Daley.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 32), An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act.

Bill (No. 33), An Act to amend The Crown Timber Act.

Bill (No. 36), An Act to amend The Public Works Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting Forest Engineers, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 31), The Election Act, 1945, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the Town of Paris, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the purchase by the Petitioners of the Paris Arena from the Paris Arena, Limited, and the issue of debentures of $8,000.00 therefor.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Teck, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to terminate an agreement with the Teck-Hughes Gold Mines Limited providing for a supply of water.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 48), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Health Service Act, 1944." *Mr. Dennison.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 49), intituled, "An Act to amend The Marriage Act." *Mr. Strange.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945, having been read, Mr. Blackwell moved that the Bill be now read the second time; and a debate having ensued, it was, on the motion of Mr. Blackwell,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Return to an Order of the House of April 5th, 1944, that there be laid before the House a Return showing, in each Department of Government: 1. The number of employees who have received salary increases as therein set out, and 2. The total number of such employees. (*Sessional Papers No. 42.*)

Also, Return to an Order of the House of April 5th, 1944, that there be laid before the House a Return showing: 1. What is the total amount of fire insurance premiums paid each year on all Government property in Ontario, and the amount of fire losses recovered each year during the past 40 years, etc. (*Sessional Papers No. 43.*)

Also, Report of the Liquor Control Board for the year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)

Also, Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Service Superannuation Board for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

Also, Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto for the year ending June 30th, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

Also, Orders-in-Council under The Guarantee Companies Securities Act and Section 70 of The Judicature Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 44.*)

Also, Orders-in-Council pertaining to the Department of Education. (*Sessional Papers No. 45.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the Town of Barrie.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the City of Woodstock.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 3), An Act respecting the City of Welland.

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incor-

porated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, and Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, on the ground that they relate to religious institutions.

Ordered, That the fees less the penalties and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, and Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, on the ground that they relate to religious institutions.

Mr. Stewart (Kingston), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Second Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee has carefully examined the following Petitions and finds the notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Ontario Music Teachers' Association, praying that an Act may pass authorizing a change of name to the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, and authorizing the passing of by-laws respecting the government of the Association.

Of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing a change in the Constitution of the Board of Governors of the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a body to be known as the Peterborough Memorial Community Centre and the issue of debentures to raise $75,000.00 to aid in the construction of the first unit of such Centre.

Of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a Civic Hospital and the issue of debentures to the amount of $600,000.00 in connection therewith.

Of the Corporation of the City of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the establishment of a Community Centre and a variation in the terms of a contract for rental and sale of property to Hield Bros., Limited.

Of the Corporation of the City of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures to the amount of $175,000.00 to aid in financing an extension to the General Hospital of Port Arthur.

Of the Corporation of the Village of Swansea, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to purchase a certain water main on Ellis Avenue from the City of Toronto and to purchase certain waterworks plant from the Township of York.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Crowland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Petitioners to make a grant of $10,000.00 out of its surplus funds to the Welland-Port Colborne Health and Recreational Centre.

Of Branch No. 51 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service

League, praying that an Act may pass vesting in the Petitioners the title to certain lands in the City of Niagara Falls.

Your Committee recommends that Rule No. 63 of your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the 14th day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the 14th day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 4), intituled, "An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium." *Mr. Laurier.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." *Mr. Scott.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 7), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." *Mr. Scott.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Kingston." *Mr. Stewart* (Kingston).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 12), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur." *Mr. Robinson* (Port Arthur).

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled, "An Act respecting the Township of Crowland." *Mr. Brown.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled, "An Act respecting the Village of Swansea." *Mr. Millard.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 23), intituled, "An Act respecting the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Branch 51." *Mr. Overall.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 50), intituled, "An Act to amend The Hours of Work and Vacations with Pay Act, 1944." *Mr. Williams.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 51), intituled, "An Act to amend The Venereal Diseases Prevention Act." *Mr. Strange.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 52), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Health Act." *Mr. Dennison.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 53), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Health Act." *Mr. Robinson* (Port Arthur).

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time,

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), seconded by Mr. Nixon, moved an amendment to the amendment in the following words:—

This House further regrets:

1. That the Government has reversed our traditional policy of non-sectarian public schools by introducing a programme of religious education which has caused disunity among large sections of our people, and has thereby violated the cherished democratic right of each to worship according to his conscience, free from interference by the State.

2. That the Government, without any mandate from the Legislature, has given ill-considered encouragement to large scale immigration before providing adequate safeguards to ensure full employment for our war veterans and present war workers.

And the debate having continued, after some time it was, on motion by Mr. MacLeod,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Drew,

Ordered, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Frost having moved, seconded by Mr. Drew,

"That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into the Committee on Ways and Means."

And a recorded vote being demanded by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), supported by the required number of Members, the Motion was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS

Acres
Anderson
Arnott
Bennett
Blackwell
Brown
Carlin
Casselman
Connor
Cook
Daley
Dennison
Dent
Docker
Doucett
Drew
Duckworth
Dunbar
Frost
Goodfellow
Grummett
Hall
Hanna
Harvey
Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox)
Johnston
Jolliffe
Kehoe
Kennedy
Leavens
Lockhart
Macphail
Martin
Millard
Mitchell
Murdoch
Murphy
McDonald
McIntyre
McPhee
Overall
Patrick
Porter
Reynolds
Riggs
Roberts
Robertson
Robinson (Port Arthur)
Robson
Scott
Smith
Steel
Stewart (Kingston)
Strange
Taylor (Temiskaming)
Taylor (Huron)
Thompson
Thornberry
Vivian
Warren—60

NAYS

Alles
Bégin
Belanger
Dickson
Downie
Duff
Gordon
Hancock
Hepburn (Elgin)
Kelly
Laurier
MacGillivray
MacLeod
Miller
Murray
McEwing
Nixon
Oliver
Patterson
Salsberg—20

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) objected to the adoption of the motion on the point of order that under Rule 114 of the Assembly a motion to go into the Committee on Ways and Means could not be considered until after the adoption of the motion for an address in reply to the Speech from the Throne except with the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Speaker gave it as his opinion that under Rule 114 it was optional to present the motion in question either "early in the Session" or "as soon as an address has been agreed to in answer to the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor."

He further pointed out that a precedent existed for accepting the motion in the action of the Assembly during the Session of 1943 when a motion to go into Committee of Supply had been adopted previous to the conclusion of the debate on the Speech from the Throne.

He therefore ruled that the motion to go into the Committee on Ways and Means had been properly presented and adopted and his ruling having been challenged he was sustained on the following Division:—

FOR THE RULING

Acres
Anderson
Arnott
Bennett
Blackwell
Brown
Carlin
Casselman
Connor
Cook
Daley
Dennison
Dent
Docker
Doucett
Drew
Duckworth
Dunbar
Frost
Goodfellow
Grummett
Hall
Hanna
Harvey
Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox)
Johnston
Jolliffe
Kehoe
Leavens
Lockhart
Macphail
Martin
Millard
Mitchell
Murdoch
Murphy
McDonald
McIntyre
McPhee
Overall
Patrick
Porter
Reynolds
Riggs
Roberts
Robertson
Robinson (Port Arthur)
Robson
Scott
Smith
Steel
Stewart (Kingston)
Strange
Taylor (Temiskaming)
Taylor (Huron)
Thompson
Thornberry
Vivian
Warren—59

AGAINST THE RULING

Alles
Bégin
Belanger
Dickson
Downie
Duff
Gordon
Hancock
Hepburn (Elgin)
Kelly
Laurier
MacGillivray
MacLeod
Miller
Murray
McEwing
Nixon
Oliver
Patterson
Salsberg
Williams—21

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 54), intituled, "An Act to authorize the appointment of an Ontario Fuel Commission." *Mr. Dennison.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 55), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Anderson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), intituled, "An Act to amend The Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), intituled, "An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58), intituled, "An Act to Confirm Tax Sales." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), intituled, "An Act to amend The Bees Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1), intituled, "An Act respecting The Ontario Music Teachers' Association." *Mr. Martin.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled, "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Toronto to Plan and Zone the Municipality." *Mr. Roberts.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." *Mr. Roberts.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Bills.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 60), intituled, "An Act to amend The Optometry Act," *Mr. Hepburn* (Elgin).

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61), intituled, "An Act to enable Municipalities to establish Community Planning and Housing Authorities." *Mr. Warren.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 62), intituled, "An Act to amend The Professional Engineers Act." *Mr. Scott.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 63), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Trustee Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), intituled, "An Act to amend The Mining Act." *Mr. Frost.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65), intituled, "An Act to amend The Evidence Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. MacLeod,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Drew delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

ALBERT MATTHEWS

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the services of the Province for the year ending 31st March, 1946, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

Toronto, March 9th, 1945.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates, accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply having been read,

Mr. Frost moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the motion of Mr. Robinson (Waterloo South),

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

During the course of his presentation of the Budget the Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table the following statements:—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

THE FUNDED DEBT OF ONTARIO

Detailed Summary of Estimated Changes for the Fiscal Year to end on March 31st, 1945

As at March 31st, 1944 (after deducting Sinking Funds)		$609,703,362.81
ADD—Sale of Debentures:		
TFF—3½%, due October 15th, 1973	$ 2,000,000.00	
RZ—2½%, due August 1st, 1945-54	10,000,000.00	
RAA—1½%, due March and September 1st, 1946-47	8,000,000.00	
TFE—3¼%, due January 1st, 1962	1,150,000.00	
TI—4½%, due November 1st, 1952	2,500,000.00	
TFB—3⅛%, due January 1st, 1952	100,000.00	
TFC—3¼%, due January 1st, 1962	150,000.00	23,900,000.00
		$633,603,362.81
LESS—Redemptions:		
RM—2%, due May 1st, 1944	$ 1,250,000.00	
AL—4%, due May 15th, 1944	587,000.00	
AP—4½%, due May 15th, 1944	524,000.00	
AS—4%, due June 1st, 1944	505,000.00	
RK—1½%, due June 1st, 1944	1,200,000.00	
RD—2½%, due August 1st, 1944	10,000,000.00	
RX—1¾%, due September 1st, 1944	2,000,000.00	
AG—4½%, due September 1st, 1944	18,325,000.00	
RY—1¾%, due September 15th, 1944	1,000,000.00	
AK—4½%, due November 1st, 1944	800,000.00	
RQ—2%, due November 1st, 1944	1,200,000.00	
RS—2%, due November 1st, 1944	1,050,000.00	
AH—4½%, due December 1st, 1944	695,000.00	
AJ—4%, due January 1st, 1945	793,000.00	
AR—4½%, due January 15th, 1945	460,000.00	
RB—2½%, due January 15th, 1945	1,000,000.00	
	$41,389,000.00	
Railway Aid Certificates	19,478.29	
Increase in Sinking Fund and other Investments—Current Year	9,600,731.69	51,009,209.98
Estimated as at March 31st, 1945 (after deducting Sinking Funds)		$582,594,152.83
Total Redemptions and Increase in Sinking Funds	$51,009,209.98	
LESS—New Issues	23,900,000.00	
NET DECREASE	$27,109,209.98	

INTERIM STATEMENT OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1945

10 Months Actual—2 Months Forecast—12 Months

DEPARTMENT	Gross Ordinary Expenditure	Application of Revenue to Expenditure	Net Ordinary Expenditure
AGRICULTURE	$ 5,965,800.00	$	$ 5,965,800.00
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	3,347,000.00	197,600.00	3,149,400.00
EDUCATION	15,743,500.00	.....	15,743,500.00
GAME AND FISHERIES	656,400.00	.....	656,400.00
HEALTH	11,612,600.00	17,200.00	11,595,400.00
HIGHWAYS	16,038,800.00	.....	16,038,800.00
INSURANCE	60,100.00	.....	60,100.00
LABOUR	434,600.00	4,900.00	429,700.00
LANDS AND FORESTS	3,188,000.00	.....	3,188,000.00
LEGISLATION	271,800.00	.....	271,800.00
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR	10,200.00	.....	10,200.00
MINES	482,000.00	5,000.00	477,000.00
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	6,435,700.00	.....	6,435,700.00
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	91,300.00	.....	91,300.00
PRIME MINISTER	129,000.00	.....	129,000.00
PROVINCIAL AUDITOR	121,000.00	.....	121,000.00
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY	2,486,200.00	701,600.00	1,784,600.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	1,583,000 00	310,400.00	1,272,600 00
PUBLIC WELFARE	12,774,200.00	.....	12,774,200.00
PUBLIC WORKS	929,400.00	3,000.00	926,400.00
MISCELLANEOUS	5,900.00	.....	5,900.00
	$ 82,366,500.00	$1,239,700.00	$ 81,126,800.00
PUBLIC DEBT—Interest, etc	26,281,500.00	6,693,800.00	19,587,700.00
Foreign Exchange	1,953,400.00	878,000.00	1,075,400.00
Sinking Fund Instalments and Railway Aid Certificates	5,311,500.00	.....	5,311,500.00
	$ 33,546,400.00	$7,571,800.00	$ 25,974,600.00
Advance payment of an amount equal to approximately thirty-four per cent of the estimated 1945 General Legislative School Grants	8,808,000.00	.....	8,808,000.00
TOTAL	$124,720,900.00	$8,811,500.00	$115,909,400.00

INTERIM STATEMENT OF ORDINARY REVENUE

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1945

10 Months Actual—2 Months Forecast—12 Months

DEPARTMENT	Gross Ordinary Revenue	Application of Revenue to Expenditure	Net Ordinary Revenue
AGRICULTURE	$ 361,900.00	$	$ 361,900.00
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	971,700.00	197,600.00	774,100.00
EDUCATION	103,000.00	.....	103,000.00
GAME AND FISHERIES	1,150,400.00	.....	1,150,400.00
HEALTH	1,777,000.00	17,200.00	1,759,800.00
HIGHWAYS:			
Main Office and Branches	30,000.00	.....	30,000.00
Gasoline Tax Branch	26,608,300.00	.....	26,608,300.00
Miscellaneous Permits Branch	97,200.00	.....	97,200.00
Motor Vehicles Branch	9,100,000.00	.....	9,100,000.00
	$ 35,835,500.00		$ 35,835,500.00
INSURANCE	$ 218,300.00	.....	$ 218,300.00
LABOUR	98,700.00	4,900.00	93,800.00
LANDS AND FORESTS	5,162,200.00	.....	5,162,200.00
LEGISLATION	10,600.00	.....	10,600.00
MINES	2,570,900.00	5,000.00	2,565,900.00
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	26,700.00	.....	26,700.00
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY	1,688,300.00	701,600.00	986,700.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER:			
Main Office—Subsidy	3,155,000.00	.....	3,155,000.00
Interest	71,200.00	.....	71,200.00
Miscellaneous	21,800.00	.....	21,800.00
Liquor Control Board	18,712,600.00	.....	18,712,600.00
Controller of Revenue Branch:			
Succession Duty	12,007,300.00	.....	12,007,300.00
Corporations Tax Subvention	21,612,600.00	.....	21,612,600 00
Income Tax Subvention	6,712,600.00	.....	6,712,600.00
Corporations Tax	216,600.00	.....	216,600.00
Income Tax	237,100.00	.....	237,100.00
Race Tracks	2,234,500.00	.....	2,234,500.00
Security Transfer Tax	593,400.00	.....	593,400.00
Land Transfer Tax	642,600.00	.....	642,600.00
Law Stamps	448,400.00	.....	448,400.00
Motion Picture Censorship and Theatre Inspection Branch	191,000.00	.....	191,000.00
King's Printer—Ontario Gazette	15,100.00	.....	15,100.00
Province of Ontario Savings Office	310,400.00	310,400.00	.....
	$ 67,182,200.00	$ 310,400.00	$ 66,871,800.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	$ 700.00	$	$ 700.00
PUBLIC WORKS	105,400.00	3,000.00	102,400.00
	$117,263,500.00	$1,239,700.00	$116,023,800.00
PUBLIC DEBT—Interest, etc.	6,693,800.00	6,693,800.00	.....
Foreign Exchange	878,000.00	878,000.00	.....
TOTAL	$124,835,300.00	$8,811,500.00	$116,023,800.00

SUMMARY

ORDINARY REVENUE AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1945

10 Months Actual—2 Months Forecast—12 Months

Net Ordinary Revenue	$116,023,800.00
Less: Net Ordinary Expenditure (before providing for Sinking Funds, Maturing Railway Aid Certificates and Advance Payment of School Grants)	101,789,900.00
Surplus (before providing for Sinking Funds, Maturing Railway Aid Certificates and Advance Payment of School Grants)	$ 14,233,900.00
Less: Provision for Sinking Funds and Maturing Railway Aid Certificates	5,311,500.00
Surplus (before providing for Advance Payment of School Grants)	$ 8,922,400.00
Less: Advance payment of an amount equal to approximately thirty-four per cent of the estimated 1945 General Legislative School Grants	8,808,000.00
Balance of Surplus after providing for Advance Payment of an amount equal to approximately thirty-four per cent of the estimated 1945 General Legislative School Grants	$ 114,400.00

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1945

10 Months Actual—2 Months Forecast—12 Months

DEPARTMENT	Gross Capital Receipts	Application of Receipts to Payments	Net Capital Receipts
AGRICULTURE	$ 4,600.00	$	$ 4,600.00
HEALTH	26,000.00	.....	26,000.00
HIGHWAYS	36,400.00	.....	36,400.00
LABOUR	343,000.00	.....	343,000.00
LANDS AND FORESTS	150,000.00	.....	150,000.00
MINES	45,000.00	.....	45,000.00
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	95,400.00	.....	95,400.00
PRIME MINISTER	1,425,000.00	.....	1,425,000.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	19,976,800.00	.....	19,976,800.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	12,766,000.00	12,766,000.00	.....
PUBLIC WORKS	1,600.00	.....	1,600.00
	$34,869,800.00	$12,766,000.00	$22,103,800.00

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CAPITAL PAYMENTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1945

10 Months Actual—2 Months Forecast—12 Months

DEPARTMENT	Gross Capital Payments	Application of Receipts to Payments	Net Capital Payments
AGRICULTURE	$ 249,000.00	$	$ 249,000.00
HIGHWAYS	3,910,400.00	.....	3,910,400.00
PRIME MINISTER	925,000.00	.....	925,000.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	1,892,400.00	.....	1,892,400.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	12,766,000.00	12,766,000.00	.....
PUBLIC WORKS	355,800.00	.....	355,800.00
	$20,098,600.00	$12,766,000.00	$ 7,332,600.00

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

DETAIL SUMMARY ACCOUNTING FOR ESTIMATED DECREASE IN GROSS DEBT

For the Fiscal Year to end on March 31st, 1945

Gross Debt as at March 31st, 1944			$666,527,963.39
Estimated Gross Debt as at March 31st, 1945			648,107,612.67
ESTIMATED DECREASE for the fiscal year to end on March 31st, 1945			$ 18,420,350.72
GROSS DEBT DECREASED BY:			
Surplus—			
Surplus on Ordinary Account	$ 114,400.00		
Retirement of Railway Aid Certificates	19,478.29		
Sinking Fund Provision	5,292,000.00		
		$ 5,425,878.29	
Discount on Debentures, etc., written off		994,700.00	
Earnings on Sinking Fund Investments		16,000.00	
Loan Repayments—			
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario	$9,675,200.00		
Agricultural Development Board	3,409,100.00		
Loans to Municipalities, etc. (Net)	197,700.00		
		13,282,000.00	
Decrease in Cash in Banks		4,003,172.43	
Decrease in Income Liabilities		70,000.00	
Increase in Reserves (Net)		2,700.00	
			$ 23,794,450.72
GROSS DEBT INCREASED BY:			
Capital Disbursements—			
Highways, Public Buildings, Public Works, etc.		$ 5,266,200.00	
Less Capital Receipts		233,000.00	
		$ 5,033,200.00	
Payment re Guaranteed Debentures (Net)		91,400.00	
Discount on Debentures, etc., issued during year		30,000.00	
Co-operative Marketing Loans (Net Increase)		219,500.00	
			5,374,100.00
Estimated Decrease for the year to end on March 31st, 1945			$ 18,420,350.72

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, BONDS, ETC., GUARANTEED BY THE PROVINCE

Estimated as at March 31st, 1945

TOTAL as per Public Accounts, March 31st, 1944		$123,455,838.43
ADD—New Guarantees or Increases for the fiscal year to end on March 31st, 1945—		
Park Commissions	$ 3,000,000.00	
Power Commission	17,500,000.00	20,500,000.00
		$143,955,838.43
LESS—Principal Maturities redeemed or to be redeemed during the fiscal year to end on March 31st, 1945—		
Co-operative Associations	$ 3,500.00	
Municipalities	26,622.34	
Parks Commissions	3,126,600.00	
Power Commission	13,775,000.00	
Railways	136,000.00	
Schools	163,769.01	
Universities	113,816.50	17,345,307.85
		$126,610,530.58
LESS—Sinking Fund Deposits for the fiscal year to end on March 31st, 1945		23,400.00
Estimated Contingent Liability of the Province as at March 31st, 1945		$126,587,130.58

SUMMARY

Estimated Contingent Liability of the Province as at March 31st, 1945	$126,587,130.58
Contingent Liability of the Province as at March 31st, 1944	123,455,838.43
Estimated Increase	$ 3,131,292.15

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ESTIMATED DECREASE IN THE NET DEBT

As at March 31st, 1945

As at March 31st, 1944:	
Gross Debt	$666,527,963.39
Less Revenue Producing and Realizable Assets	184,034,399.51
Net Debt	$482,493,563.88
As at March 31st, 1945:	
Estimated Gross Debt	$648,107,612.67
Less Estimated Revenue Producing and Realizable Assets	166,694,927.08
Estimated Net Debt	$481,412,685.59
Estimated Decrease in Net Debt	$ 1,080,878.29

BUDGET FORECAST OF ORDINARY REVENUE

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1945—MARCH 31, 1946

DEPARTMENT	Gross Ordinary Revenue	Application of Revenue to Expenditure	Net Ordinary Revenue
AGRICULTURE	$ 157,056.00	$	$ 157,056.00
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	977,250.00	199,900.00	777,350.00
EDUCATION	55,000.00	.....	55,000.00
GAME AND FISHERIES	1,031,000.00	.....	1,031,000.00
HEALTH	1,659,850.00	15,200.00	1,644,650.00
HIGHWAYS:			
Main Office and Branches	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00
Gasoline Tax Branch	26,608,290.59	.....	26,608,290.59
Miscellaneous Permits Branch	50,000.00	.....	50,000.00
Motor Vehicles Branch	9,000,000.00	.....	9,000,000.00
	$ 35,668,290.59		$ 35,668,290.59
INSURANCE	$ 202,000.00	.....	$ 202,000.00
LABOUR	106,800.00	6,000.00	100,800.00
LANDS AND FORESTS	5,825,000.00	.....	5,825,000.00
LEGISLATION	9,700.00	.....	9,700.00
MINES	1,364,745.00	6,000.00	1,358,745.00
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	16,600.00	.....	16,600.00
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY	1,265,500.00	580,000.00	685,500.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER:			
Main Office—Subsidy	3,155,007.48	.....	3,155,007.48
Interest	71,229.86	.....	71,229.86
Liquor Control Board	17,912,600.00	.....	17,912,600.00
Controller of Revenue Branch—			
Succession Duty	11,800,000.00	.....	11,800,000.00
Corporation Tax Subvention	20,960,450.85	.....	20,960,450.85
Income Tax Subvention	6,851,037.95	.....	6,851,037.95
Corporations Tax	1,000,000.00	.....	1,000,000.00
Income Tax	250,000.00	.....	250,000.00
Race Tracks	2,250,000.00	.....	2,250,000.00
Security Transfer Tax	750,000.00	.....	750,000.00
Land Transfer Tax	500,000.00	.....	500,000.00
Law Stamps	400,000.00	.....	400,000.00
Motion Picture Censorship and Theatre Inspection Branch	177,300.00	.....	177,300.00
King's Printer—Ontario Gazette	14,000.00	.....	14,000.00
Province of Ontario Savings Office	314,200.00	314,200.00	.....
	$ 66,405,826.14	$ 314,200.00	$ 66,091,626.14
PUBLIC WORKS	$ 48,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 45,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	100,000.00	100,000.00	.....
	$114,892,617.73	$1,224,300.00	$113,668,317.73
PUBLIC DEBT—Interest, etc	6,742,500.00	6,742,500.00	
Foreign Exchange	578,500.00	578,500.00	.....
TOTAL	$122,213,617.73	$8,545,300.00	$113,668,317.73

BUDGET FORECAST OF ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1945—MARCH 31, 1946

DEPARTMENT	Gross Ordinary Expenditure	Application of Revenue to Expenditure	Net Ordinary Expenditure
AGRICULTURE	$ 6,116,182.75	$	$ 6,116,182.75
ATTORNEY-GENERAL	3,598,580.00	199,900.00	3,398,680.00
EDUCATION	25,383,168.43	.....	25,383,168.43
GAME AND FISHERIES	706,400.00	.....	706,400.00
HEALTH	12,344,190.00	15,200.00	12,328,990.00
HIGHWAYS	14,050,000.00	.....	14,050,000.00
INSURANCE	68,400.00	.....	68,400.00
LABOUR	538,581.55	6,000.00	532,581.55
LANDS AND FORESTS	3,800,000.00		3,800,000.00
LEGISLATION	273,575.00	.....	273,575.00
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR	10,200.00	.....	10,200.00
MINES	516,000.00	6,000.00	510,000.00
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS	3,316,072.00	.....	3,316,072.00
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	100,000.00	.....	100,000.00
PRIME MINISTER	270,995.00	.....	270,995.00
PROVINCIAL AUDITOR	126,000.00	.....	126,000.00
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY	2,449,540.00	580,000.00	1,869,540.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	1,649,575.00	314,200.00	1,335,375.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	12,660,630.00	.....	12,660,630.00
PUBLIC WORKS	960,000.00	3,000.00	957,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	100,000.00	100,000.00	.....
	$ 89,038,089.73	$1,224,300.00	$ 87,813,789.73
PUBLIC DEBT—Interest, etc.	26,087,900.00	6,742,500.00	19,345,400.00
Foreign Exchange	1,648,000.00	578,500.00	1,069,500.00
Sinking Fund Instalments and Railway Aid Certificates	5,370,300.00	.....	5,370,300.00
	$ 33,106,200.00	$7,321,000.00	$ 25,785,200.00
TOTAL	$122,144,289.73	$8,545,300.00	$113,598,989.73

BUDGET FORECAST OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1945—MARCH 31, 1946

DEPARTMENT	Gross Capital Receipts	Application of Receipts to Payments	Net Capital Receipts
AGRICULTURE	$ 2,500.00	$	$ 2,500.00
HIGHWAYS	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
LABOUR	840,000.00	.....	840,000.00
LANDS AND FORESTS	175,000.00	.....	175,000.00
MINES	40,000.00	.....	40,000.00
PRIME MINISTER	1,454,000.00	.....	1,454,000.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	12,022,300.00	.....	12,022,300.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	13,036,000.00	13,036,000.00	.....
	$27,574,800.00	$13,036,000.00	$14,538,800.00

BUDGET FORECAST OF CAPITAL PAYMENTS

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 1945—MARCH 31, 1946

DEPARTMENT	Gross Capital Payments	Application of Receipts to Payments	Net Capital Payments
AGRICULTURE	$ 250,000.00	.....	$ 250,000.00
GAME AND FISHERIES	45,000.00	.....	45,000.00
HIGHWAYS	4,050,000.00	.....	4,050,000.00
LABOUR	840,000.00	.....	840,000.00
PRIME MINISTER	925,000.00	.....	925,000.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER	3,083,500.00	.....	3,083,500.00
PUBLIC WELFARE	13,036,000.00	13,036,000.00	.....
PUBLIC WORKS	431,500.00	.....	431,500.00
	$22,661,000.00	$13,036,000.00	$ 9,625,000.00

SUMMARY

BUDGET FORECAST

Fiscal Year April 1, 1945—March 31, 1946

Net Ordinary Revenue		$113,668,317.73
Less: Net Ordinary Expenditure (before providing for Sinking Funds and Maturing Railway Aid Certificates)		108,228,689.73
Surplus (before providing for Sinking Funds and Railway Aid Certificates)		$ 5,439,628.00
Less: Provision for Sinking Funds	$5,352,000.00	
Railway Aid Certificates	18,300.00	5,370,300.00
Surplus Forecast		$ 69,328.00

Mr. Drew delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker and is as follows:—

ALBERT MATTHEWS

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the services of the Province for the year ending 31st March, 1945, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

Toronto, March 9th, 1945.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 66), intituled, "An Act to amend The Nurses Registration Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 67), intituled, "An Act to provide Relief for persons who have suffered substantial Impairment of Income owing to Illness or Unemployment, or any other cause beyond their control, in respect of their homes." *Mr. Warren.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), intituled, "An Act to amend The Venereal Diseases Prevention Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to morrow.

Bill (No. 69), intituled, "An Act to amend The Hours of Work and Vacations with Pay Act, 1944." *Mr. Daley.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), intituled, "An Act to amend The Medical Act." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to morrow.

Bill (No. 71), An Act to provide Financial Protection for persons who have

suffered substantial Impairment of Income owing to Illness, Unemployment or any other cause beyond their control." *Mr. Warren.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), intituled, "An Act to amend The Minimum Wage Act." *Mr. Daley.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson (Waterloo South) asked the following Question (No. 1):—

How many ex-service men and women have taken courses at the training centre in Toronto in the past year.

The Honourable the Prime Minister replied as follows:—

At the Ontario Training and Re-establishment Centre, Toronto, 259 ex-service persons have been enrolled in the vocational courses. Four hundred and sixty-eight have enrolled in the Tutorial Institute, where they are completing their academic preparation for further training at the universities or elsewhere. This Institute was established in November. Its first graduates will enter the universities at the beginning of the new special courses for ex-service personnel which begin in a few weeks. The total enrolled in the above mentioned courses is 727.

Two groups of men still in the services are also being trained at the Centre: (*a*) 59 Army personnel are taking the Clerk's general course; 146 have already completed this course. (*b*) 55 Navy personnel are taking the Writer's course; 63 have completed this course

The total then of service and ex-service persons who have received or are receiving training at the Centre is 1,050.

Mr. Dickson asked the following Question (No. 6):—

1. Has the Minister of Highways issued directions asking that all gasoline tax collector's bonds be handled through one source. 2. If so, what was the "one source". 3. What is the total amount of bonds required from gasoline tax collectors.

The Honourable the Minister of Highways replied as follows:—

1. No. 2. Answered by 1. 3. $2,159,500.00.

Mr. Patterson asked the following Question (No. 10):—

1. On what date was the Liquor Authority Control Board established by the Government. 2. Who are the members comprising this Board and what remuneration does each receive. 3. What has been paid to each member to date in (*a*) salary; (*b*) expenses.

The Honourable the Attorney-General replied as follows:

1. October 24th, 1944. 2. His Honour Judge W. T. Robb, Chairman, $4,500 per annum; W. T. Nugent, Vice-Chairman, $4,000 per annum; J. F. Reid, Member, $4,000 per annum.

3.—	(*a*) Salary	(*b*) Expenses
Judge W. T. Robb	$1,596.77	$227.20
W. T. Nugent	1,419.34	726.68
J. F. Reid	1,419.34	415.29

Mr. Strange asked the following Question (No. 14):—

1. How many cases of syphilis (all forms) have been reported in each year from 1939 to 1944 inclusive. 2. How many cases of gonorrhoea have been reported in each year from 1939 to 1944 inclusive. 3. How many cases of (*a*) syphilis and (*b*) gonorrhoea have been treated in each year from 1939 to 1944 inclusive by private physicians or by private clinics. 4. How many cases of (*a*) syphilis and (*b*) gonorrhoea have been treated in each year from 1939 to 1944 inclusive by the Provincial Venereal Disease Control Clinics. 5. Of the total new admissions in each year from 1939 to 1944 inclusive to the Provincial Clinics and private clinics and physicians, how many of each type have prematurely discontinued treatment. 6. In each of the years 1939 to 1944 inclusive, what is the ratio of lapses to new admissions and what is the total ratio of lapses to new admissions. 7. What is the total number of contacts examined in each of the years 1939 to 1944 inclusive. 8. What is the ratio of contacts examined to admissions in each of the years 1939 to 1944 inclusive. 9. In each of the years from 1939 to 1944 inclusive, how many babies were born in Ontario suffering from pre-natal syphilis. 10. In each of the years from 1939 to 1944 inclusive, how many persons were admitted to Ontario Hospitals for the mentally ill. 11. How many of these persons were syphilitic. 12. What is the percentage of syphilis cases to total admissions to these mental hospitals in the years from 1939 to 1944 inclusive.

The Honourable the Minister of Health replied as follows:—

1. 1939, 3,285; 1940, 4,953; 1941, 7,484; 1942, 5,952; 1943, 6,849; 1944, 5,365. 2. 1939, 4,125; 1940, 4,218; 1941, 5,293; 1942, 6,220; 1943, 6,390; 1944, 7,908. 3. Information not available. 4. (*a*) 1939, 1,141; 1940, 1,041; 1941, 1,149; 1942, 1,193; 1943, 1,298; 1944, 983; (*b*) 1939, 1,659; 1940, 1,442; 1941, 972; 1942, 1,061; 1943, 1,121; 1944, 1,439. 5. In Provincial Venereal Disease Control Clinics—Syphilis: 1939, 632; 1940, 525; 1941, 676; 1942, 519; 1943, 558; 1944, 369. Gonorrhoea: 1939, 621; 1940, 506; 1941, 235; 1942, 223; 1943, 168; 1944, 190. (Information not available with respect to private clinics.) 6. Syphilis: 1939, .55; 1940, .50; 1941, .58; 1942, .43; 1943, .42; 1944, .37. Gonorrhoea: 1939, .37; 1940, .35; 1941, .24; 1942, .21; 1943, .15; 1944, .12. 7. 1939, 148; 1940, 1,040; 1941—no record maintained; 1942—no record maintained; 1943, 825; 1944, 2,518. 8. No record 1939-42; 1943, 59 contacts examined for each 100 admissions in all clinics; 1944, 86 contacts examined for each 100 admissions in all clinics. 9. No

record available. 10. 1939, 2,612; 1940, 2,541; 1941, 2,304; 1942, 2,370; 1943, 2,259; 1944, 2,269. 11. 1939, 128; 1940, 129; 1941, 125; 1942, 102; 1943, 89; 1944, 116. 12. 1939, 4.9%; 1940, 5.1%; 1941, 5.4%; 1942, 4.3%; 1943, 3.9%; 1944, 5.1%.

Mr. Lockhart asked the following Question (No. 24 :—

1. How many propagation plants have been established since August 17th, 1943, by the Department of Game and Fisheries. 2. Have any requests been made for new plants. If so, how many.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. None. 2. Two.

Mr. Smith asked the following Question (No. 25):—

1. How many commercial fishing licenses were in use as of August 17th, 1943. 2. How many have been issued since that date. 3. How many have been cancelled since that date. 4. Where new licenses have been granted: (*a*) Who has received them; (*b*) Where are the grounds allotted to these new licensees.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. One thousand four hundred and forty-three (1,443).

2.

	Renewals Applied for	New	Total
1943	130	45	175
1944	1,489	154	1,643
1945—to March 1st	801	23	824
	2,420	222	2,642

3. Two (2).

4.—

NEW LICENSES GRANTED SINCE AUGUST 17TH, 1943

1944—GILL NETS

(*a*)	(*b*)
Murray Giffin, Port Dover	Lake Erie, fronting the County of Norfolk.
Ernest Glover, Port Stanley	Lake Erie, out of Port Stanley, fronting Elgin Clunty.
Arthur Dougher and William Doughner, Lowbanks	Lake Erie, fronting Haldimand County.
Courtland Parker, Port Stanley	Lake Erie, fronting Elgin County.
Islington Band of Indians, Kenora	Swan Lake, near Islington Indian Band Reserve.
Islington Bank of Indians, Kenora	One Man Lake, north of Minaki, on the English River.
A. E. Rissanen, Port Arthur	Windigokan Lake, about six miles north of Jackpine on C.N.R. (nine miles east of Beardmore).
Andrew Sutherland, Macdiarmid	Castle Lake, about six miles north of Wabinosh Bay, Lake Nipigon.

1944—GILL NETS—Continued

(a)	(b)
Alex McKay, Armstrong	Caribou Lake, about ten miles north of Armstrong.
C. Humby, Port Arthur	Long Lac, south of the Narrows, 10 miles from Long Lac village.
Ken McLeod, Macdiarmid	Fraser Lake, about 10 miles northwest of Cameron Falls, Nipigon River.
Nelson Moore, Milford	Lake Ontario, in the vicinity of Point Peter and the Rock.
William Connors, Belleville	Lake Ontario, vicinity of the Rock and Main Ducks.
Elias A. Tyska, 194 Cumberland St. N., Port Arthur	Lake Superior, Thunder Bay, Lot 32, vicinity of Caribou Island.
Napoleon Michano, Heron Bay	Lake Superior, from mouth of Pic River to Otterhead Lighthouse.
Peter Pearson, Box 113, Kenora	Umfreville Lake, on the English River.
R. T. Purdy, Point Edward	Lake Huron, marshes and shallow waters between Blue Point and Kettle Point, fronting Lambton County.
A. E. Fraser, 133 N. John St., Fort William	Lac-des-mille Lac.
H. G. Demuth, 1433 Moodie St., Fort William	Lac-des-mille Lac.
Chas. A. McGuire, Macdiarmid	Frank Lake, about 5 miles southeast of Ombabika Station on C.N.R.
R. Koski, 482 Marion St., Port Arthur	Lake Superior, Lot No. 47.
J. A. Bray, Bronte	Lake Ontario, out of Whitby, fronting Ontario County.
J. A. Bray, Bronte	Lake Ontario, out of Whitby, fronting Ontario County.
W. G. Sargant, Bronte	Lake Ontario, out of Whitby, fronting Ontario County.
W. G. Sargant, Bronte	Lake Ontario, out of Whitby, fronting Ontario County.
Carl Lindstrom, 321 1st Ave. S., Kenora	Island Lake, on the Severn River, about 325 miles north of Kenora.
Tommy Dockwas, Hurkett	Black Bay, Lake Superior, Lot 110.
John Gogal, 26 Peter St., Hamilton	Hamilton Bay, Wentworth County.
John Andrews, 1221 Edward St., Fort William	Lac-des-mille Lac.
Gus Belanger, 11 Gordon Ave., Port Arthur	Lake Superior, Lot No. 31.
H. D. Goodman, Macdiarmid	North Wind Lake, about 25 miles north of Macdiarmid and 5 miles from Lake Nipigon.
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto	Attawapskat River, from and including Kabania Lake on the west to the 85th Meridian on the east including all extensions and lakes.
W. Kennedy, McKenzie Island	Gullrock Lake, four and one-half miles east of Red Lake, Patricia District.
D. Carmine Talarico, 633 Albert St. W., Sault Ste. Marie	Lake Superior, in the vicinity of Richardson Harbour.
Milbun Snelgrove, Brighton	Lake Ontario, known as Presqu'ile Bay.
Herbert Thompson, Belleville	Bay of Quinte.
George Calder, Fort Frances	Rainy Lake, Tug Point to Hog's Back Island.
Wm. J. and John Hatten, Port Credit	Lake Ontario, fronting the County of Peel.
Albert Hand, Knox and Meade Ave., Hamilton	Hamilton Bay, County of Wentworth.
Joseph King, Rossport	Lake Superior, west end of Thompson Channel from Moss Point to Guse Point and west two miles.
A. G. Cook, Red Lake	Trout Lake, about 20 miles northeast of Red Lake.
Wm. H. Taylor, Cobourg	Lake Ontario, fronting Northumberland County.
Norman Chisel (Frenchman's Head Band of Indians), Sioux Lookout	Wabakimi Lake about 35 miles northwest of Armstrong on C.N.R.
Sam Aldred, Tashota	Abamasgi Lake.
Paul K. Wigwas (Indian), Port Arthur	Jackinnes Lake, about 12 miles northwest of Gull Bay on Lake Nipigon.
T. Haverluck, Collins	Smooth Rock Lake, about 15 miles north of Collins on C.N.R.
B. Scott Hutcheson, Carrying Place	Lake Ontario, known as Weller's Bay.
Reginald Denton, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Inner Bay, Dickinson's Creek, east side of Velocity Creek, Long Point Company's marsh, Walsingham Township, Norfolk County.

1944 GILL NETS—Continued

(a)	(b)
Einer Olson, Kenora	Trout Lake, 18 miles northeast of Red Lake, Patricia District.
Michel King (Treaty Indian), Macdiarmid	Waweig Lake, about five miles northwest of Wabinosh Lake and about 12 miles from northwest shore of Lake Nipigon.
Lawrence Perreault, Michipicoten Harbor	Lake Superior, vicinity of Michipicoten Harbor.
W. E. Hore, Gore Bay	North Channel, Lake Huron, vicinity of Barrie Island.
Victor Hannah, Belleville	Bay of Quinte.
Kenneth Johnston, Cherry Valley	Lake Ontario, vicinity of Salmon Point.
Wm. F. F. Oldfield, Thornbury	Georgian Bay, fronting and Township of Collingwood and St. Vincent.
T. Haverluck, Collins	Wabakimi Lake, about 25 miles northeast of Collins.
Hedley Abbott and Elgin Rockefeller, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, north shore of Inner Long Point Bay, from Port Rowan pier extending easterly to the east end of Lot 20, Township of Walsingham, Norfolk County.
J. C. Gleadall, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Long Point Marsh, commencing 400 feet west of Monument No. 92, Long Point Park and extending westerly to include Alex Channel, Walsingham Township, Norfolk County.
R. Hooper, Tashota	Summit Lake.
W. R. Thompson, Demorestville	Bay of Quinte.
Oscar Carlson, Mamainse Harbor	Lake Superior, vicinity of Mamainse Harbour and Lizard Islands.
Richard O'Donnell, Batchewana Bay	Lake Superior, vicinity of Lizard Islands.
Albert Cress, Goulais Bay Mission	Lake Superior, vicinity of Lizard Islands.
George Gernsey and C. Thompson, Bloomfield	Lake Ontario, vicinity of West Point and Indians Point.
Fred Frost and Clarence Ostrander, Milford	Lake Ontario, vicinity of Gull Pond and Main Ducks.
Walter R. Kellar, 44 South John St., Belleville	Bay of Quinte.
Hennessey and H. C. Hooker, Central Patricia	Otoskwin Lake, on Otoskwin River, Patricia District.
Hennessey and H. C. Hooker, Central Patricia	Bow Lake, on Otoskwin River, Patricia District.
Morley Helmer and Clinton Helmer, South Bay	Lake Ontario, vicinity of Point Traverse and Main Ducks.
Deer Lake Bank of Indians, Sioux Lookout	Lakes on the Severn River from Anjecum Lake to a point forty miles above.
H. C. Hooker, Central Patricia	Kakagiwxida Lake on Otoskwin River, Patricia District.
Henry Hjort, 321 First Ave. S., Kenora	Tide Lake, one mile north of Ball Lake on the English River in the Patricia District.
Owen O'Donnell, Batchewana Bay	Lake Superior, vicinity of Mamainse Harbor and Lizard Islands.
Wm. G. McKinnie, Trout Lake	In chain of lakes of the Asheweig River, between Mukitoonakun and Wawakapuwin.
J. H. Cameron, Kenora	Lake of the Woods, north point of Poplar Island to east point of Bay Island, west to International Boundary, south to Bear Island, east to North Point of Alexandria Island, north to southwest point of Poplar Island and along northwest shore of Poplar Island to point of commencement.
William McDonald, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Inner Long Point Bay from Old Cut Point to Dicksons Creek and from Velocity Creek to Thoroughfare Point, Norfolk County.
George Landon, Carrying Place	Lake Ontario, known as Weller's Bay.
Deer Lake Band of Indians, Deer Lake	Deer Lake on the Severn River.
Fred Wilson, Dorland	Bay of Quinte.
Geo. Michano, Heron Bay	Lake Superior, Randle Point south of Pic River.
Norman York, 48 Beech Street, Collingwood	Georgian Bay in that part known as Nottawasaga Bay. Inside of a straight line from Thornbury Harbour to Tiny Island.

1944 GILL NETS—Continued

(a)	(b)
Edwin Ruckstuhl, Carrying Place	Wellers Bay in Northumberland County.
Gerald Mills, Brighton	Wellers Bay in Northumberland County.
Milhern Snelgrove, Brighton	Wellers Bay in Northumberland County.

1944—POUND NETS

(a)	(b)
John Miller and Roy Miller, Lowbanks	Lake Erie, fronting Lots 17, 18 and 19, Township of Sherbrooke and all of lots bordering on Lake Erie, Moulton Township, Haldimand County.
James Paulmert, Rossport	Lake Superior, 5½ miles west of Moffatt Straits on north shore of St. Ignace Island.
Melvin Gerow, Rossport	Lake Superior, northeast point of Hanbury Island, in Sturgeon Bay.
Capt. A. S. Nuttall, Dorion	Lake Superior, approximately four miles northeast of Copper Point, Black Bay.
Robert L. Dickie, Electric, R.R. No. 1	Lake St. Clair, St. Ann's Bay and Middle Grounds, St. Ann's Shooting Club Property and St. Ann's Island Indian Reserve.
Nicoll Brothers (G. I. Nicoll and Chas. Nicoll), Port Coldwell	One net set two miles west of Little Pic River. One net set at Thompson Channel off Pic Island. One net set at Craig's Pit. One net set east side of Randall Point. One net set two miles west of Big Pic River.
Fred Gerow, Rossport	Lake Superior, Nipigon Bay at Cape Nano.
Percy Reid, Wiarton	Georgian Bay, known as Dunk's Bay, vicinity of Tobermory.
Walter Perks, Meaford, R.R. No. 3	Georgian Bay.
James Liverance, Lion's Head, R.R. No. 1	Lake Huron, Pike Bay.

1944—HOOP NETS

(a)	(b)
John A. McDonald, Wolfe Island	McDonald's Bay, north side of Lots 3 and 4, N.B. Concession 12, Wolfe Island.
Ralph Collins, 41 South Front St., Belleville	Bay of Quinte, vicinity of Whitney Marsh and Fox Island, fronting the Township of Sophiasburg.
Albert Cooper, Picton	Bay of Quinte, known as Carnahan Bay.
William Watson, Picton	Carnihan's Bay, fronting south Adolphustown Township.
Donald Thurston, Picton, R.R. 5	Bay of Quinte from Malletts Point west including McDonalds Cove.
Stanley Rankin, Cherry Valley	West Lake, Township of Hallowell.
Herbert Huff, Picton	West Lake, Township of Hallowell, County of Prince Edward.
Norman Fitchett, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, vicinity of Big Creek.
Aubrey Davey, Napanee	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
Leslie Gray, Newboro	Loon Lake in the Township of North Crosby of Leeds County.
D. A. Ward, Picton	Fish Lake, one half mile east of Demorestville in Prince Edward County.
George Wilkinson, Picton, R.R. 4	Lake Ontario, known as Smith's Bay.
Willard Hineman, Picton	Bay of Quinte, east of Haycock's Point, fronting Lots 25, 26 and 27, first concession of Adolphustown Township.
Cecil Bongard, Milford	Black Creek from the mill stream ¼ mile east.
Wm. H. Brooks, Dorland	Hay Bay from Whitlow Point westward opposite Lot 24 to the closing line of the Bay of Quinte.
Nelson Green, Deseronto	Bay of Quinte, Crawfords Creek on the Indian Reserve Township of Tyendinaga.
George Snook, Turkey Point	Lake Erie, Outer Long Point Bay at Courtright Ridge.
Alton Hineman, Milford	Lake Ontario, west half of Gull Pond fronting Lots 4 and 5, first concession of Athol Township, Prince Edward County.

1944—HOOP NETS—Continued

(a)	(b)
Frank Cronk, Northport	Bay of Quinte, fronting Lots 11 and 12, first concession of Sophiasburg, County of Prince Edward.
William Allen, Adolphustown	Bay of Quinte, Pleasant Bay, fronting the Township of South Adolphustown.
Fred Frost, Milford	Lake Ontario, known as Gull Pond, fronting Lots 2 and 3, Township of Athol.
Laverne Thurston, Picton, R.R. 5	Bay of Quinte, fronting Lots Nos. 34 and 35, North Marysburg Township.
Patrick Rodgers, Picton, R.R. 6	Bay of Quinte, fronting Lots 15 to 23, northwest concession of Sophiasburg Township, Prince Edward County.

1944—BAITED HOOKS

(a)	(b)
Gordon J. Williams, Brighton	Brighton Bay.
Frank Covell, Brighton	Brighton Bay.
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto	Attawapskat River, from and including Kabania Lake on the west to the 85th meridian on the east including all extensions and lakes.
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto	Attawapskat River, from and including Kabania Lake on the west to the 85th meridian on the east including all extensions and lakes.
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto	Attawapskat River, from and including Kabania Lake on the west to the 85th meridian on the east including all extensions and lakes.
Willard Moucke, South Bay	Lake Ontario, known as South Bay.
William Connors, Belleville	Bay of Quinte, in the vicinity of Massassaga.

1944—TROLLING

(a)	(b)
A. F. Spillett, Rossport	Lake Superior, vicinity of Rossport.
Eli King, Rossport	Lake Superior, vicinity of Rossport.
A. J. Carver, Tobermory	Lake Huron, fronting the Townships of St. Edmunds and Lindsay and Georgian Bay fronting St. Edmunds.
William R. Craigie, Tobermory	Lake Huron, fronting the Townships of St. Edmunds and Lindsay and Georgian Bay fronting the Township of St. Edmunds.

1944—DIP NETS

(a)	(b)
James Borbay, 105 Gertrude St., Hamilton	Burlington Bay.
Harry Morrisette, 109 Bay St. S., Hamilton	West end of Hamilton Bay and Dundas Marsh.
Charlie Steiss, New Hamburg	Nith River in South Waterloo.
Wilfred Hurdis, 1½ John St., Brockville	Creeks flowing into River St. Lawrence (North Shore) in the Townships of Escott, Yonge and Elizabethtown, Leeds County.
W. Nowacki, 257½ Barton St. W., Hamilton	Hamilton Bay.
John J. Abbott, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Inner Long Point Bay from Old Cut Point extending westerly to and including an inlet known as "Old Cut", Walsingham Township, Norfolk County.
Harvey Ferris, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Inner Long Point Bay from "Old Ship Canal" to but not including "Alex Channel", Walsingham Township, Norfolk County.
Emile Fortin, Williamstown	Black River, south side, about one mile south of Williamstown on the north bank of William Smart's Farm.
Spencer Smith, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, in the private marsh waters only on the property of Spencer Smith at Port Royal, Norfolk County.
Lee Hodges, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, in the waters on the marsh property only of Harry Kretschman at Port Royal, Walsingham Township, Norfolk County.

1944—SEINES

(*a*)	(*b*)
B. H. McIntee, Dunnville, R.R. 6	Lower Grand River.
Robert G. Green, Dunnville	Lower Grand River.
Gordon Hurchinson, Turkey Point	Lake Erie, outer Long Point Bay, fronting Lots 10 and 11, Township of Charlotteville, Norfolk County.
Bruce F. Bradley, Paincourt, R.R. 1	River Thames, fronting Lot 6, Township of Dover West, Kent County.
Ferris Smith, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Outer Long Point Bay, in the marsh waters on the Long Point Company's property, Norfolk County.
Allan Clifford Gilliam, Bronte	Twelve Mile Creek at Bronte, County of Halton, starting one mile from the mouth to a location marked by Local Overseer.
Mack McLaren, Wolfe Island	River St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario, north, south and west shores of Wolfe Island, County of Frontenac.
Murray Giffin, Port Dover	Lake Erie, from the end of Long Point, on the south side only extending westerly a distance of two miles, County of Norfolk.
F. C. Oper, Leamington	Lake Erie, fronting Lots 10 and 11, Township of Mersea, Essex County.
Olaf Waimel, Preston, R.R. 1	Speed River from Dam at Hespeler to where it enters the Grand at Preston only in the County of Waterloo, Township of Waterloo.
James J. Miller, Simcoe	Lake Erie, Inner Long Point Bay, on the waters of the Turkey Point Company's property only, Township of Charlotteville, Norfolk County.
Thomas Robson, Leamington, R.R. 1	Sturgeon Creek, about two miles east of Leamington.
W. H. Leighfield and Chalmers Leighfield, Port Rowan	Big Creek, fronting Lots 10, 11 and 12, Township of Walsingham, Norfolk County.
Norman Conley, 106 Clergy St. W., Kingston	St. Lawrence River, fronting Wolfe Island and Howe Island, but not on any grounds already covered by licenses.
John W. Ransbury, Tobermory	Lake Huron off St. Edmund and Lindsay Townships, Baptist Harbor, Upper and Lower Eagle, Dorcas Bay, Johnson's Harbor, Little and Big Pine Tree Harbor, Pleasant Harbor Boat Cove.
E. Nick Mclean and George Mclean, Wheatley	Two creeks fronting Lots 3 and 4, Township of Romney, Kent County.

1943—GILL NETS

(*a*)	(*b*)
Clare and Alton Thorn, Port Stanley	Lake Erie, fronting Elgin County.
Alex Collins, Port Stanley	Lake Erie, fronting Elgin County.
Percy Clarence Wrightsell, Erieau	Lake Erie, out of Erieau, Kent County.
Kenneth Dunham, Cayuga	Lake Erie, out of Port Maitland, fronting Haldimand County.
James Rankin, Kingsville	Lake Erie, fronting Essex County.
Trout Lake Band of Indians, Sioux Lookout	Severn Lake, lying about 55 degrees 45 minutes north and 90 degrees 30 minutes east, about 275 miles north of Sioux Lookout.
Stewart C. Peacock, Tobermory	Lake Huron, fronting the Townships of St. Edmunds and Lindsay, not valid south of a line drawn due west from the boundary between the Townships of Lindsay and Eastnor and Georgian Bay, fronting the Township of St. Edmunds not valid east of a line drawn from the boundary between the Townships of St. Edmunds and Lindsay to Dawson Rock. Not valid north of a line drawn from the southern boundary of Yeo Island to the southern boundary of Halfmoon Island.
William, Aman, Picton, R.R. 2	Bay of Quinte.
Bruce Tiedeman, Grand Bend	Lake Huron, fronting the Townships of Stanley and Hay and the Township of Stephen North and Stephen north of Grand Bend, five miles off Lambton County.

1943—GILL NETS—Continued

(a)	(b)
George Gernsey, Bloomfield	Bay of Quinte.
Cecil Day, Bath, R.R. 2	Bay of Quinte.
Leonard Phillips, Consecon	Bay of Quinte.
Ellis Desmouli, Mobert	Mobert (White) Lake.
Wesley Kiser, Consecon	Lake Ontario, known as Weller's Bay.
Frank Michon, Macdiarmid	Trapnarrows Lake, about 30 miles southeast of Beardmore.
Valentine Bergman, Macdiarmid	Pagwachuan Lake, about 7 miles north of Caramat Station on C.N.R. east of Long Lac.
Reginald H. Franklin, Collins Bay	Bay of Quinte.
George L. Blair, Bayfield	Lake Huron, fronting the Townships of Stanley, Hay and Stephen, north of Grand Bend, Huron County.
William Allan, Bath, R.R. 1	Bay of Quinte.
R. Colley, Casummit Lake	Birch Lake, one hundred miles north of Sioux Lookout.
Stewart Drever, Collingwood	Georgian Bay from the town-line of Nottawasaga Island to Christian Island.
C. R. Hawley, Deseronto	Bay of Quinte.

1943—HOOP NETS

(a)	(b)
Harold P. Young, Napanee, R.R. 2	Hay Bay in the vicinity of Young's Cove, north and east of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
Eric R. Pearson, Gananoque	River St. Lawrence, fronting farm Lots 16-24 inclusive, Township of Leeds, County of Leeds.
Frank Sherman, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
Leanord Fitchette, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
Herbert Lloyd, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn, from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
James Smith, Port Rowan	Lake Erie, Outer Long Point Bay on the Long Point Company's property, Township of Walsingham, Norfolk County.
Percy Stone, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Harts Island to Whites Island.
Bert Lloyd, Sillsville	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from Wilson's Island to Whites Island.
Fred Davey, Napanee, R.R. 3	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from Wilson's Island to Whites Island.
Blake Sills, Sillsville	Hay Bay, north and east of a line drawn from Wilson's Island to Whites Island and west to Dickson's Point.
Charles W. Pritchard, Gananoque, R.R. 2	Gananoque River, from Marblerock Dam to Mud Creek and including Mud Creek, Township of Leeds, County of Leeds.
William Ross, 535 Broad St. E., Dunnville	Lower Grand River.
Willard Mouck, Picton, R.R. 3	Lake Ontario, known as South Bay.
North West Angle Indian Bank No. 33, Kenora	Lake of the Woods, west of Buckets Island (marsh on Indian Bands Gill Net grounds).
W. M. Beaverstalk and Arthur Beaverstalk, Cherry Valley	East Lake.
North West Angle Band of Indians, Kenora	Lake of the Woods, marsh west of Buckets Island on the Bands Gill Net grounds.
Kenneth Johnston, Cherry Valley	East Lake, Township of Athol.
W. J. Hunter, Kingston, R.R. 6	Rideau Waters, fronting Lots 1 and 2 in the 4th Concession, Township of Pittsburgh, County of Frontenac.

1943—TROLLING

(*a*)	(*b*)
H. J. King, Prescott	St. Lawrence River, between the Town of Prescott and the head of the Cardinal Canal, Township of Edwardsburg in Grenville County.

1943—SEINE

(*a*)	(*b*)
Felix Monforton, La Salle	Detroit River, fronting Lot 32, Town of La Salle, Essex County.
Colin King and John Anger, Dunnville	Lake Erie, fronting Lots 4 and 7 inclusive, Township of Sherbrooke, County of Haldimand.

1943—DIP NET

(*a*)	(*b*)
Charles Richardson, Caledonia	Upper Grand River between York and Dam at Caledonia.
Gilbert Ashbough, Caledonia	Upper Grand River between York and Dam at Caledonia.

1945—GILL NETS

(*a*)	(*b*)
Charles Alexander Wolfe, Nanticoke, R.R. 1.	Lake Erie, fronting the County of Haldimand.
Frank Michon, Macdiarmid	Tyrol Lake, about 12 miles north of Beardmore.
L. H. Durfey, Osaquan via Ignace	Cecil Lake.
H. J. Erickson, Nolalu	Weikwabinaw Lake, about 10 miles northwest of Arrow Lake (Quetico Sheet).
Russell D. Hatch, 309 Rupert Road, Kenora.	Barens Lake on the Berens River, about 160 miles northwest of Kenora.
Harry Amundson, Red Lake	Birch Lake, District of Kenora, about 35 miles east of Trout Lake and 25 miles north of Uchi.
Horace R. Rickey, Collins Bay, R.R. 5	Lake Ontario, south of Amherst Island.
Trout Lake Band of Indians, Sioux Lookout.	Lakes of Sachigo River for a distance of approximately 20 miles east of Little Severn Lake.
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto.	Skeezik Lake, northwest of Fort Hope.
Messrs. G. Foote and W. Fortner, Bayfield.	Lake Huron, fronting the Township of Stanley, Hay and Stephen, north of Grand Bend.
Norman Conley, 106 Clergy St. W., Kingston.	St. Lawrence River, fronting Wolfe Island and Howe Island.
James Brenteno, 1145 Crawford Ave., Fort William	Lake Superior, Lot 16.

1945—POUND NETS

(*a*)	(*b*)
John Kulikowski, Fort Frances.	Rainy Lake, Bruele Narrows to Black Point.

1945—HOOP NETS

(*a*)	(*b*)
Victor Beatty, Midland, R.R. 1	Wye River from the Dam to boundary between Tay and Tiny Townships.
Henry White, Collingwood	Georgian Bay, from Craigleith to Collingwood Harbor.
C. F. Jarvis, Milford	Black Creek, Township of South Marysburg.

1945—SEINES

(*a*)	(*b*)
Mrs. Ella Harris and Son (Elmer Bruce), North Malden, Amherstburg	Lake Erie, fronting Cadwell Grant west of Lot 56 in the Township of Malden, Essex County.
Emil Sieminowski, Preston	Grand and Nith Rivers, in South Waterloo.

1945—STURGEON HOOKS

(*a*)	(*b*)
Austin Airways Ltd., 25 Melinda St., Toronto.	Lake directly south of Kabania Lake and is part of Attawapskat River watershed.

1945—DIP NETS

(a)	(b)
Lenord Vandusen, Port Elmsley	Tay River, Port Elmsley to Government Dam.

1945—TROLLING

(a)	(b)
Lloyd Ritchie, Tobermory	Lake Huron fronting St. Edmunds and Lindsay Townships and Georgian Bay fronting St. Edmunds Township.
Cecil Davis, Tobermory	Lake Huron, fronting St. Edmunds and Lindsay Townships and Georgian Bay fronting St. Edmunds Township.
John W. Ransbury, Tobermory	Lake Huron, fronting St. Edmund and Lindsay Townships and Georgian Bay fronting St. Edmunds Township.

Mr. Taylor (Temiskaming) asked the following Question (No. 26):—

1. How many former employees of the Department of Game and Fisheries who left to join the services have been rehabilitated and are now re-employed with the Department. 2. How many new appointments have been made since August 17th, 1943. 3. Has the Department arranged for any vocational training scheme in Game and Fish Biology and Propagation for returning service men and women. 4. Has any effort been made to estimate the present game population of the Province. If so, is it decreasing or increasing. 5. Did convictions for violations of Game and Fish Laws increase or decrease in the year 1944. If so, by what percentage.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Two (2). 2. Twenty-seven (27). 3. The Department's post-war plan provides for any necessary training to qualify those employed. 4. No. Reports from Game and Fisheries Field Officers are presented annually on increase or decrease of various species. These reports show fluctuations dependent on the district and species referred to. 5. Decrease. 16%.

Mr. Steel asked the following Question (No. 27):—

1. How many experimental Fur Farms are operated by the Government at the present time. 2. Where are they located.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. None. 2. Answered by Number 1.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 31), The Election Act, 1945, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 37), An Act to repeal The Political Contributions Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 38), An Act to amend The Judicature Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $10,000.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Bills.

Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Public Trustee Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 65), An Act to amend The Evidence Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 44), An Act to amend The Public Health Act

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Honourable the Prime Minister presented to the House:—

Correspondence between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada in respect to Old Age Pensions. (*Sessional Papers No. 46.*)

Also, Interim Report of the Ontario Agricultural Commission of Inquiry. (*Sessional Papers No. 47.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills presented its Second Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills with certain amendments.—

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board.

Your Committee recommends that the fees less the penalties, if any, and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium, on the ground that it relates to a charitable institution, and on Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board, on the ground that it relates to an educational institution.

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Mr. Stewart (Kingston), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented its Third and Final Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee has carefully considered the following Petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Corporation of the City of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to provide additional accommodation at the Victoria Hospital at a cost of $100,000.00, and to amend the Act to incorporate the Western Fair Association.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Stamford, praying that an Act may pass granting the Township the standing of a town for the purposes of Section 12 of The Assessment Act and Section 24 of The Public Health Act.

Of the Corporation of the Township of Teck, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the said Corporation to terminate an agreement with the Teck-Hughes Gold Mines, Limited, providing for a supply of water.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Paris, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the purchase by the Petitioners of the Paris Arena from the Paris Arena Limited and the issue of debentures of $8,000.00 therefor.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 14), intituled, "An Act respecting the City of London." *Mr. Patrick.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 16), intituled, "An Act respecting the Township of Stamford." *Mr. Overall.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 22), intituled, "An Act respecting the Township of Teck." *Mr. Grummett.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 24), intituled, "An Act respecting the Town of Paris." *Mr. Nixon.*

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 73), intituled, "An Act to amend The Liquor Authority Control Act, 1944." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 74), intituled, "An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Roberts,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Roberts, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their First Report which was read, as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945.

Bill (No. 42), formerly intituled An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $10,000 and now intituled An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $35,000.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 75), intituled, "The Sugar Beet Subsidy Act, 1945." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 76), intituled, "An Act to amend The Fire Departments Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1945, having been read,

Mr. Frost moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself in the Committee of Supply.

And the motion being opposed and a recorded vote being demanded by the Government the motion was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS

Acres	Harvey	Reynolds
Arnott	Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox)	Riggs
Bennett	Hunt	Roberts
Blackwell	Johnston	Robertson
Brown	Jolliffe	Robinson (Port Arthur)
Carlin	Kehoe	Robinson (Waterloo, South)
Casselman	Kennedy	Scott
Challies	Leavens	Smith
Connor	Lockhart	Steel
Cook	Luckock	Stewart (Kingston)
Daley	Macphail	Strange
Dennison	Martin	Taylor (Temiskaming)
Dent	Millard	Taylor (Huron)
Docker	Mitchell	Thompson
Doucett	Murdoch	Thornberry
Downer	Murphy	Vivian
Drew	McDonald	Warren
Duckworth	McIntyre	Webster
Dunbar	McPhee	Williams—66
Frost	Overall	
Goodfellow	Patrick	
Grummett	Porter	
Hall	Pringle	
Hanna		

NAYS

Alles	Hancock	Miller
Bégin	Hepburn (Elgin)	McEwing
Belanger	Kelly	Nixon
Dickson	Laurier	Oliver
Downie	MacGillivray	Patterson
Duff	MacLeod	Salsberg—19
Gordon		

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee*)

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1945, the following sum:—

198. To defray the expenses of the Department of Education.....$8,808,000.00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-day.

Mr. Reynolds, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That Supply in the following amount be granted to His Majesty to defray additional expenses of the Department of Education for the year ending March 31st, 1945.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

For Public and Separate School Education:
General Legislative Grants.....$6,024,250.00
For Secondary School Education:
General Legislative Grants..... 1,848,750.00
For Vocational Education:
General Legislative Grants..... 935,000.00

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was concurred in.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read.

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. McEwing,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1945

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 77), intituled, "An Act to amend The Forest Fires Prevention Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 78), intituled, "An Act to amend The Factory, Shop and Office Building Act." *Mr. Daley.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), intituled, "An Act to amend The Commercial Vehicles Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read.

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Oliver,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Also, Report of the Department of Public Works for the twelve months ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Also, Annual Report upon the Prisons and Reformatories for the year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

Also, Annual Report upon the Ontario Training Schools for the year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Also, Report on the Distribution of The Sessional Statutes of Ontario, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 30.*)

Also, Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Royal Ontario Museum for the year ending June 30th, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Duckworth, from the Select Committee appointed to direct the expenditure of a sum set apart for Art Purposes, presented its first report which was read, as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee recommends that the Department of Education be requested to consider the inclusion in the bursary system operated by that Department the assistance by way of bursaries of deserving students at the Ontario College of Art.

Your Committee recommends that one painting by a representative Ontario artist be purchased during the present fiscal year, and that the policy of purchasing at least one picture by representative Ontario artists be adopted for future years; and that the Ontario Society of Artists be asked to nominate a number of paintings, from which nominations a painting shall be selected by your Committee.

Your Committee recommends that ex-Premiers Hepburn and Nixon be authorized to have their portraits painted by artists selected by them for inclusion in the portraits of all ex-Premiers of the Province.

Your Committee also recommends that the Government consider the advisability of organizing annual exhibitions of works by Ontario artists, including all samples of such works now owned by the Province, to be displayed at different centres throughout the Province, and that the Department of Education be authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 81), intituled, "An Act to provide for the establishment of Conservation Authorities for the purposes of the Conservation, Restoration and Development of Natural Resources, other than Gas, Oil, Coal and Minerals and for the Prevention of Floods and Water Pollution." *Mr. Porter.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 82), intituled, "An Act to amend The Trustee Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 83), intituled, "An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), seconded by Mr. Nixon,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing copies of all letters written by officials of the Department of Highways to any collectors of the gasoline tax in Ontario suggesting that their bonds be handled through one particular source.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Auditor, Ontario, 1943-44. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)

Also, Report of the Minister of Public Welfare for the fiscal year 1943-44. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)

Mr. Doucett tables letters and memorandum in connection with certain charges made by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) in regard to the furnishing of guarantee bonds by gasoline tax collectors. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 84), intituled, "An Act to Provide for an Annual Grant to the University of Toronto School of Nursing." *Mr. Vivian.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 85), intituled, "An Act to amend The Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway Act." *Mr. Bennett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 86), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Robinson* (Port Arthur).

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 87), intituled, "An Act to amend The Insurance Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 88), intituled, "An Act to amend The Land Surveyors Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 89), intituled, "The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1945." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 90), intituled, "The Cheese and Hog Subsidy Act, 1945." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 91), intituled, "An Act relating to Marine Insurance." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $35,000 and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 44), An

Act to amend The Public Health Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report progress, and to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Public Trustee Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 65), An Act to amend The Evidence Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 37), An Act to repeal The Political Contributions Act.

Bill (No. 38), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 56), An Act to amend The Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), An Act to amend The Mining Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 58), An Act to Confirm Tax Sales.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Bees Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 73), An Act to amend The Liquor Authority Control Act, 1944.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 46), An Act to amend The Public Hospitals Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 66), An Act to amend The Nurses Registration Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), An Act to amend The Venereal Diseases Prevention Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 69), An Act to amend The Hours of Work and Vacations with Pay Act, 1944.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), An Act to amend The Medical Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), An Act to amend The Minimum Wage Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 74), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to morrow.

Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Fire Departments Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), An Act to amend The Commercial Vehicles Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 82), An Act to amend The Trustee Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the Town of Barrie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), An Act respecting the City of Welland.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the City of Woodstock.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 35), An Act to amend The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act, having been read,

Mr. Frost moved, seconded by Mr. Blackwell,

That the Act be amended as follows:—

Rev. Stat. c. 51, s. 2, Subs. 1, amended.

1. Subsection 1 of section 2 of *The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act*, as amended by section 2 of *The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Amendment Act, 1938*, is further amended by adding at the commencement the words and figure "subject to section 3", so that the said subsection shall now read as follows:

Where crops, etc., damaged by sulphur fumes.

(1) Subject to section 3, where damage is occasioned by sulphur fumes arising from the smelting or roasting of nickle-copper ore or iron ore mined in Ontario, to crops, trees or other vegetation directly or indirectly, such damage may be determined by the arbitrator so appointed who shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine the amount of such damage and to make an award.

Rev. Stat., c. 51, s. 3, amended.

2. Section 3 of *The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act* is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

Evidence.

(3*a*) The arbitrator shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence and all oral evidence submitted shall be taken down in writing and together with such documentary evidence and things as are received in evidence by the arbitrator shall form the record.

Rev. Stat., c. 51, s. 4, re-enacted.

3. Section 4 of *The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Effect of award.

4. Subject to section 4*a* the award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties and shall not be questioned, reviewed, restrained or removed by prohibition, injunction, *certiorari* or other process or proceeding in any court and on being filed in the office of the clerk of the county or district court such award shall, for the purpose of issuing execution thereon, have the same force and effect as a judgment of the said court.

Rev. Stat., c. 51, amended.

4. *The Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act* is amended by adding thereto the following section:

4*a*.—(1) The person aggrieved or person, company or corporation offending, may appeal from the award of the arbitrator to the Ontario Municipal Board by serving or sending by prepaid mail notice in writing of such appeal to the arbitrator and to the person aggrieved, or the person, company or corporation offending, as the case may be, within twenty days of the making of the award as provided in subsection 3 of section 3. Appeal.

(2) The notice shall set forth the grounds on which the appeal is made and shall have endorsed thereon the address at which the appellant may be served with any notice or process. Form of notice.

(3) Within thirty days from the service of the notice of the appeal the Ontario Municipal Board shall, upon the application of any appellant, grant a summons calling upon all parties to attend before it on the day and hour named therein when the hearing of the appeal will be proceeded with and if no such application is made within such thirty days, the Board upon proof of the failure to make such application, shall order that the appeal be forthwith dismissed with costs. Summons to attend; dismissal of appeal.

(4) The appeal shall be heard and determined upon the record had and taken before the arbitrator and the Ontario Municipal Board may upon such hearing, make such order as it may deem fit affirming, reversing or amending the award appealed from and the award as affirmed, reversed or amended, or the order of the Board, as the case may be, shall have the same force and effect and may be enforced in the manner prescribed in section 4. Appeal on record.

(5) The order of the Ontario Municipal Board shall be final and binding upon all parties and not subject to appeal. Finality or order.

(6) The Ontario Municipal Board shall have the same powers to, General powers.

(*a*) fix and collect fees;

(*b*) fix and order the payment of costs; and

(*c*) prescribe rules of practice and procedure,

with respect to appeals and proceedings under this Act as it has under *The Ontario Municipal Board Act*.

The amendment being submitted to the House was declared to be carried.

Mr. Frost then moved the Second Reading of the Bill, which motion was carried and the Bill was declared to be carried and was referred to the Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting Forest Engineers, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 1), An Act respecting the Ontario Music Teachers' Association.

Bill (No. 17), An Act to Incorporate the Kingsboro Club.

Bill (No. 19), An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Toronto to Plan and Zone the municipality.

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 14), An Act respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Sacred Heart College of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 92), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Thornberry.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 93), intituled, "An Act to amend The Minimum Wage Act." *Mr. Williams.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 94), intituled, "An Act to amend The Public Schools Act." *Mr. Grummett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 95), intituled, "An Act to amend The Companies Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 96), intituled, "An Act to amend The Separate Schools Act." *Mr. Grummett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 97), intituled, "An Act to amend The Loan and Trust Corporations Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 98), intituled, "An Act to amend The Mining Tax Act." *Mr. Frost.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Mr. Hancock asked the following Question (No. 3):—

1. With reference to Vote No. 159, Item No. 1, in the 1944-45 Estimates, what proportion of the $100,000 voted for temporary help at the Guelph Reformatory has been used to supply additional Guards. 2. What is the present daily or weekly average of hours of duty per guard.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. $5,717.71. 2. 9½ hours per day; 57 hours per week.

Mr. Dennison asked the following Question (No. 13):—

1. How many persons have been appointed to the Ontario Municipal Health Services Board. 2. What are the names, occupations and addresses of each person so appointed. 3. What salary, if any, has been paid to each member of the Board. 4. What professions, technical or otherwise, are represented

on the Board, and by what members. Were they approved or nominated by their respective associations. 5. Has the Minister appointed anyone to the Board to give representation to Agriculture or to Labour, or to those who would be receiving the services. If so, who was so appointed. 6. Were they approved as representatives on the Board by any association. 7. Has any municipality sought the help or assistance of this Board or of the Minister in drawing up a plan for health services under the Act. 8. What municipalities have sought such assistance. 9. If so, to what municipalities was such financial assistance offered and in what amounts. 10. Have any regulations been drawn up under Section 17 of the Act and if so what are the regulations.

The Honourable the Minister of Health replied as follows:—

1. Ten (10). 2. Dr. H. D. Logan, Lindsay, Physician; Mr. J. H. W. Bower, Toronto, Superintendent, Hospital for Sick Children; Dr. D. W. Gullett, Toronto, Registrar-Secretary, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario; Miss Jean Masten, Toronto, President, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario; Mr. R. E. W. Lawrason, St. George, Clerk, County of Brant; Dr. K. G. Gray, Toronto, Solicitor and Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Health (Ontario); Mrs. R. J. Marshall, Toronto, Housewife; Mr. E. E. Woollon, Toronto, Secretary-Treasurer, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders and Bindery Women; Mr. K. Betzner, Elmira, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Mr. H. Milton Corbett, Toronto, Registrar-Treasurer, Ontario College of Pharmacy. 3. Members are paid a per diem allowance of $20.00 for each day or each part of a day spent in attending meetings of the Board, in addition to any expenses necessarily incurred in attendance at such meetings. The Chairman, Dr. K. G. Gray, receives no per diem allowance. 4. Dr. H. D. Logan, nominated by Ontario Medical Association; Mr. J. H. W. Bower, nominated by Ontario Hospital Association; Dr. D. W. Gullett, nominated by Royal College of Dental Surgeons; Miss Jean Masten, nominated by Registered Nurses' Association; Mrs. R. J. Marshall, nominated by Ontario Provincial Council of Women; Mr. E. E. Woollon, nominated by Trades and Labour Congress of Canada; Mr. K. Betzner, nominated by Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Mr. H. Milton Corbett, nominated by Ontario College of Pharmacy. 5. Yes—answered by Question 4. 6. Yes. 7. Yes. 8. Requests for information have been received from the following municipalities: Township of Alberton, Township of Brantford, Township of Burford, Township of Chaffey, Township of Dover, Township of South Dumfries, Townships of Jaffray and Melick, Townships of Johnson, Tarbutt, Laird and McDonald, Township of Kerns, Townships of McCrosson and Tovell, Township of McIrvine, Township of South Norwich, Township of Oakland, Township of Onondaga, Township of Perry, Township of Ryerson, Township of Sandwich East, Township of Teck, Township of Tehkummah, Township of Tisdale, Township of VanHorne, Municipality of LaVallee, Town of Geraldton, Town of Hespeler, Town of Orillia, Town of Paris, Town of Sioux Lookout, Town of Timmins, Town of Whitby, City of Brantford, City of Hamilton, City of Niagara Falls, City of Sudbury, City of Welland, Village of Chippawa, Village of Magnetawan. 9. The Minister has offered payment of $1,000.00 per year to assist in establishing a medical plan in the Townships of Johnson, Tarbutt, Laird and McDonald. 10. No.

Mr. Leavens asked the following Question (No. 15):—

1. As of December 31st, 1944, how many persons in Ontario were receiving old age pensions. 2. As of December 31st, 1944, how many old age pensioners were receiving the maximum pension of $28 per month. 3. What was the average amount paid per month to old age pensioners in Ontario during the last fiscal year. 4. What extent of medical and other health care is made available by the province to all old age pensioners free of charge. Does this include free medicines.

The Honourable the Minister of Public Welfare replied as follows:—

1. 58,099. 2. 49,019. 3. April, 1944, $26.051; May, 1944, $26.016; June, 1944, $26.061; July, 1944, $26.087; August, 1944, $26.364; September, 1944, $27.205; October, 1944, $26.896; November, 1944, $27.145; December, 1944, $26.740; January, 1945, $26.849; February, 1945, $26.833; March, 1945, figures not yet available. 4. By an agreement with the Ontario Medical Association, the Association shall provide, without cost to Old Age Pensioners, "such necessary medical services as can be provided in the home or such medical practitioner's office, including emergency medication administered by the medical practitioner and, where necessary, any of the following drugs and mixtures:

DRUGS

Acidum Acetylsalicylicum
Ammoniated Mercury Ointment, 5%
Arsenic
Atropine
Barbiturates
Bismuth
Calamine Lotion
Calcium
Codeinae Phosphas
Digitalis
Epinephrine
Ergot
Hydrochloric Acid Dilute
Lead and Opium Lotion
Morphine Sulphate
Potassium Iodide
Quassia
Quinine
Strychnine
Sulpha Drugs
Tannic Acid
Trinitrin
Yellow Oxide of Mercury Ointment, 10%
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Ferri et Ammonii Citratis
Potassi Citratis
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but shall not include: (*a*) surgery other than minor procedures as designated by the Association and approved in writing by the Minister; (*b*) the services of a drugless practitioner or a person who is not a duly qualified medical practitioner in the Province of Ontario; (*c*) medical services for hospitalized patients or patients cared for at an out-patients' clinic; (*d*) medical aids, appliances and supplies; or (*e*) supplies of household remedies such as absorbent cotton, adhesive plaster, boracic acid, boracic ointment, baby powder, cod liver oil, disinfectant, gauze, lime water, liniment, milk of magnesia, olive oil, petroleum jelly and tincture of iodine.

Mr. Miller asked the following Question (No. 16):

1. On what date was the Board set up under authority of The Municipal Health Services Act, 1944. 2. Who are the members of this Board. 3. What arrangement is made for their remuneration and expenses. 4. How much has the Board cost to date. 5. How many meetings have been held. 6. In what municipalities have health services been established under the above Act.

The Honourable the Minister of Health replied as follows:—

1. July 18th, 1944. 2. Dr. H. D. Logan, Mr. J. H. W. Bower, Dr. D. W. Gullett, Miss Jean Masten, Mr. R. E. W. Lawrason, Dr. K. G. Gray, Mrs. R. J. Marshall, Mr. E. E. Woollon, Mr. K. Betzner, Mr. H. Milton Corbett. 3. Members are paid a per diem allowance of $20.00 for each day or each part of a day spent in attending meetings of the Board, in addition to any expenses necessarily incurred in attendance at such meetings. The Chairman, Dr. K. G. Gray, receives no per diem allowance. 4. $1,044.71. 5. Seven (7). 6. None.

Mr. Robinson (Waterloo South) asked the following Question (No. 18):—

Of the present employees of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph: 1. How many have permanent status. 2. How many have temporary status. 3. Of those temporary how many have been so for more than five years. 4. For more than ten years. 5. For more than fifteen years. 6. For more than twenty years.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. 99 plus 20 on leave of absence (with the Armed Forces). 2. 56. 3. 1 (Dentist, part time). 4. Nil. 5. Nil. 6. Nil.

Mr. Docker asked the following Question (No. 20):—

For the fiscal years ending March 31st, 1944, and for the period April 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944: 1. How many cords of pulp wood were exported from Ontario. 2. Names of companies or persons exporting. 3. Amount each exported.

The Honourable the Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1.

Calendar Year	Crown Lands (Cords)	Private Lands (Cords)	Total (Cords)
1943	408,504	174,491	582,995
1944	250,221	134,358	384,579

2. Name of Company or Person Exporting	1943 Crown Lands (Cords)	1943 Private Lands (Cords)	1944 Crown Lands (Cords)	1944 Private Lands (Cords)
Arrow Land & Logging Co	11,408	.....	9,004	.....
Alexander-Clark Timber Co.	.....	.....	3,345	.....
T. P. Altimas	.....	.....	.....	1,198
Central Canada Forest Products	14,200	.....	24,371	.....
D. A. Clark	6,697	.....	.....	.....
Don. A. Clark, Ltd.	37,832	.....	25,516	.....
C. W. Cox, Ltd.	13,100	.....	2,200	.....
Driftwood Lands & Timber Co.	.....	22,698	.....	9,953
Thos. Falls	20,733	882	12,904	.....
C. A. Gardner	6,040	.....	.....	.....
General Timber Company	24,300	.....	8,244	.....
Hindman and Bishop	.....	.....	1,292	1,135
G. W. Jones	1,993	7,319	1,438	5,345
Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.	.....	.....	1,530	.....
Lalonde and Port	826	7,065	1,378	3,992
Leahy Timber Co.	6,314	2,585	8,504	2,108
Marathon Paper Mills of Canada	.....	.....	6,756	.....
E. Nelson	.....	.....	110	.....
Newaygo Timber Co.	44,968	3,927	9,730	24,081
Nipigon Lake Timber Co.	33,098	.....	25,190	.....
Northern Paper Mills	26,343	5,821	21,455	.....
Ontario-Minnesota P. & P. Co.	14,472	.....	16,818	.....
Pigeon Timber Co.	34,400	1,800	20,900	.....
Pulpwood Supply Co.	64,780	.....	32,903	.....
Ripco Timber Co.	6,089	2,182	3,394	15,569
O. Styffe	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Thompson-Heyland Lumber Co.	447	2,064	1,029	2,285
A. E. Wicks, Ltd.	7,888	.....	4,860	.....
E. V. Woollings	6,446	16,445	2,610	5,069
T. S. Woollings & Co.	20,325	5,115	4,740	.....
Miscellaneous	3,105	96,588	.....	63,623

3. Answered by 2.

Mr. Kehoe asked the following Question (No. 22):—

1. How many agreements are in force between the Government or the Department of Lands and Forests and Companies, firms or persons with pulpwood cutting rights for export (*a*) Exclusively for export; (*b*) Combined export and domestic use. 2. In all these agreements is there a clause prohibiting the manufacture into newsprint of all exported pulp wood. 3. If not, in how many.

The Honourable the Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1. Agreements between the Government and companies, firms or persons: (*a*) Export exclusively, 3; (*b*) Combined export and domestic use, 12. During

1944, 52 agreements (contracts) covering the export of pulpwood from Ontario were approved under the general authority of Order-in-Council of November 18th, 1943. Of these, 17 applied to pulpwood cut under the 15 agreements referred to above. The balance of the contracts covering wood produced from other sources, including private lands. 2. Yes. 3. Answered by 2.

Mr. Harvey asked the following Question (No. 23):—

1. Did Brompton Paper Company take over the concession of Lake Sulphite. 2. Have the terms of the agreement been changed. If so, in what way. 3. How much pulp wood was exported by Lake Sulphite. 4. Were they charged an export levy above stumpage dues. If so, how much. 5. Does the agreement with Brompton permit the exportation of pulp wood.

The Honourable the Minister of Lands and Forests replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Yes—(*a*) As to rates, (*b*) As to area, (*c*) as to type of mill proposed. 3. 104,162 cords. 4. No. No export levy was in force at the time pulpwood was cut. 5. No. The Brompton contract with the Government does not permit export, but there were commitments made by the Government prior to the Brompton contract permitting export which are still being met. This amounts in total to about 70,000 cords remaining to be cut.

Mr. Riggs asked the following Question (No. 28):—

1. Is "The Active Service Life Insurance Protection Act, 1944" in force. 2. If so, on what date was it proclaimed. 3. How many persons have sought protection or assistance under the said Act. 4. As of March 1st, 1945, what is the total amount paid by the Treasurer of Ontario under the said Act.

The Honourable the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. The Act has not been proclaimed as no application has yet been made under it for protection. 2. Answered by 1. 3. Answered by 1. 4. Answered by 1.

Mr. Anderson asked the following Question (No. 29):—

1. How many persons have made application under "The Active Service Financial Protection Act, 1944." 2. How many of such persons have been granted a stay of proceedings or other relief.

The Honourable the Attorney-General replied as follows:—

1. Figures are not available as Statute provides that applications are made to the County or District Court Judge and it would be necessary to circularize all County or District Court Clerks throughout the Province to secure this information. 2. Answered by 1.

Mr. Mitchell asked the following Question (No. 32):—

As stated in the Speech from the Throne, approximately 200 miles of road surfacing was done in the year 1944. 1. In what constituencies was such work done. 2. How much mileage of surfacing was done in each of the constituencies named in Question No. 1. 3. How much of such work was done by day-labour and how much of such work was done by contract.

The Honourable the Minister of Highways replied as follows:—

1.	2.
Addington	1.67 miles
Carleton	8.27 "
Cochrane, South	22.6 "
Essex, South	1.0 "
Hastings, East	11.1 "
Huron	11.3 "
Huron—Bruce	4.9 "
Kenora	12.4 "
Kent, East	1.2 "
Lambton, East	21.2 "
Lanark	12.19 "
Leeds	11.4 "
Muskoka—Ontario	7.5 "
Nipissing	16.75 "
Northumberland	13.0 "
Peterborough	1.2 "
Renfrew, North	14.6 "
Renfrew, South	0.9 "
Russell	7.7 "
Simcoe, East	7.49 "
Sudbury	13.7 "
Temiskaming	0.3 "
Victoria	3.16 "
Waterloo, South	1.0 "
Wellington, North	1.5 "
Wentworth	1.56 "
York, East	4.83 "
York, North	2.73 "

Boundary roads separating:

Carleton and Lanark	1.87 miles
Hamilton—Wentworth and Wentworth	3.69 "
Carleton and Renfrew, South	0.72 "
Muskoka—Ontario and York, North	0.1 "

3. Day-Labour	51.45 miles
Contract	172.08 "

Mr. Duff asked the following Question (No. 35):—

1. Were certain irregularities discovered in the sale and purchase of liquor at the Peterborough and Woodstock liquor stores since the present Government

assumed office. 2. If so, what was the nature of the irregularities. 3. What disciplinary action, if any, was taken with the staff in each case. 4. What prosecutions, or disciplinary action, if any, was instituted against purchasers.

The Honourable Mr. Webster, Minister without Portfolio, replied as follows:–

1. Yes. 2. Failure by some employees to endorse permits and to observe instructions relative to monthly sale limitations. 3. Offending employees were discharged. 4. The privilege of purchasing was suspended.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Prime Minister Drew tabled copies of correspondence between the Government of Ontario and other governments regarding the proposed holding of an interprovincial conference. (*Sessional Papers No. 50.*)

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Dent, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented its report, which was read, as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee recommends that the supplies allowance per member for the current Session be fixed at the sum of $25.00 and that, to meet the convenience of the members each member of the Assembly be given a cheque for that amount in order that he may make the desired purchases in his own constituency;

Also that an allowance be authorized and cheques issued to the full time daily newspaper representatives covering the present Session of the Legislative Assembly, as nominated by the Press Gallery and approved by Mr. Speaker.

Your Committee recommends that copies of The Canadian Parliamentary Guide, The Canadian Almanac, and The Canada Year Book be purchased for distribution to the members of the Assembly.

Your Committee recommends that the Sessional Papers for the current year be printed in the following numbers:—

Public Accounts	2,200
Estimates	1,250
Lands and Forests	1,150
Mines	2,350
Legal Offices	500
Superintendent of Insurance: Abstract	850
Detailed	950
Registrar of Loan Corporations: Abstract	300
Detailed	550
Public Works	200
Highways	475
Game and Fisheries	350
Labour	750
Education: Paper	900
Cloth Bound	50
University of Toronto	200
Births, Marriages and Deaths	1,150
Department of Health	650
Ontario Hospitals for Mentally Subnormal and Epileptics	400
General Hospitals, Hospitals for Incurables, Sanatoria and Red Cross Hospitals	900
Prisons and Reformatories: Paper	825
Cloth	50
Industrial Training Schools: Paper	800
Cloth	33
Public Welfare	900
Liquor Control Board	650
Department of Agriculture (Minister)	1,800
Department of Agriculture (Statistics)	3,150
Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway	250
Ontario Municipal Board	450
Hydro-Electric Power Commission	3,400
Provincial Auditor	200
Workmen's Compensation Board	1,150
Ontario Veterinary College	1,150
Provincial Police	300
Ontario Research Foundation	750
Niagara Parks Commission	300
Fire Marshal	1,050

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 99), intituled, "An Act to amend The Labour Relations Board Act, 1944." *Mr. Williams.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 100), intituled, "An Act respecting the Purchase of Cattle with Horns." *Mr. Doucett.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), intituled, "An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act." *Mr. Williams.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 41), The Securities Act, 1945.

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a Capital not exceeding $35,000.

Bill (No. 63), An Act to amend The Public Trustee Act.

Bill (No. 65), An Act to amend The Evidence Act.

On motion of Mr. Doucett, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the payment of a subsidy to producers of sugar beets.

Mr. Frost acquainted the House that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee*)

Resolved,

That during the period between the 1st day of April, 1945, and the 31st day of March, 1946, a subsidy shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to every person who produces sugar beets in Ontario under contract with a person engaged in the business of processing sugar beets into sugar and sugar by-products, the amount of such subsidy to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council at an amount not exceeding $1.55 for each ton of sugar beets.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Resolved,

That during the period between the 1st day of April, 1945, and the 31st day of March, 1946, a subsidy shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to every person who produces sugar beets in Ontario under contract with a person engaged in the business of processing sugar beets into sugar and sugar by-products, the amount of such subsidy to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council at an amount not exceeding $1.55 for each ton of sugar beets.

This Resolution having been read the second time was agreed to and referred to the House on Bill (No. 75), "The Sugar Beet Subsidy Act, 1945."

On motion of Mr. Doucett, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the payment of a subsidy to producers of milk or hogs.

Mr. Frost acquainted the House that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee*)

Resolved,

That during such periods between the 1st day of April, 1945, and the 31st day of March, 1946, as the Lieutenant-Governor may prescribe, a subsidy shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund,—

(*a*) to every person who produces milk in Ontario which is subsequently processed into cheese, of an amount to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council not exceeding two cents for each pound of cheese produced from such milk; and

(*b*) to every person who produces hogs in Ontario and sells them through regular trade channels to be processed, of an amount to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council not exceeding $1.00 for each hog so produced, sold and processed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Resolved,

That during such periods between the 1st day of April, 1945, and the 31st

day of March, 1946, as the Lieutenant-Governor may prescribe, a subsidy shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund,—

(*a*) to every person who produces milk in Ontario which is subsequently processed into cheese, of an amount to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council not exceeding two cents for each pound of cheese produced from such milk; and

(*b*) to every person who produces hogs in Ontario and sells them through regular trade channels to be processed, of an amount to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council not exceeding $1.00 for each hog so produced, sold and processed.

This Resolution having been read the second time was agreed to and referred to the House on Bill (No. 90), "The Cheese and Hog Subsidy Act, 1945."

On motion of Mr. Doucett, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the payment by the Government of a portion of the cost of suburban and township road bridges and culverts.

Mr. Frost acquainted the House that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee*)

Resolved,

That the Minister of Highways may direct payment out of the Highway Improvement Fund of,—

(*a*) an amount not exceeding seventy-five per centum of the cost of construction, maintenance or repair of a bridge or culvert which forms part of a suburban road within the meaning of Part III of The Highway Improvement Act; and

(*b*) an amount not exceeding one hundred per centum of the amount of a township's funds expended in the improvement of a bridge forming part of a township road within the meaning of Part IV of The Highway Improvement Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Resolved,

That the Minister of Highways may direct payment out of the Highway Improvement Fund of,—

(*a*) an amount not exceeding seventy-five per centum of the cost of construction, maintenance or repair of a bridge or culvert which forms part of a suburban road within the meaning of Part III of The Highway Improvement Act; and

(*b*) an amount not exceeding one hundred per centum of the amount of a township's funds expended in the improvement of a bridge forming part of a township road within the meaning of Part IV of The Highway Improvement Act.

The Resolution having been read the second time was agreed to and referred to the House on Bill (No. 74), "An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act."

On motion of Mr. Vivian, seconded by Mr. Frost,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the payment of an annual grant to the University of Toronto School of Nursing.

Mr. Frost acquainted the House that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee*)

Resolved,

That there be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario a grant to the Governors of the University of Toronto, to be applied only for the use of its School of Nursing, in the amount of $10,000 each year for a term of five years and $20,000 each year for a further term of ten years.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Resolved,

That there be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario a grant to the Governors of the University of Toronto, to be applied only for the use of its School of Nursing, in the amount of $10,000 each year for a term of five years and $20,000 each year for a further term of ten years.

This Resolution having been read the second time was agreed to and referred to the House on Bill (No. 84), "An Act to provide for an annual grant to the University of Toronto School of Nursing."

The House resolved itself into a committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the Town of Barrie.

Bill (No. 3), An Act respecting the City of Welland.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the City of Woodstock.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 44), An Act to amend The Public Health Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 64), An Act to amend The Mining Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 56), An Act to amend The Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 57), An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 47), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 46), An Act to amend The Public Hospitals Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 58), An Act to confirm Tax Sales, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Bees Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 73), An Act to amend The Liquor Authority Control Act, 1944, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 74), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Fire Departments Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 80), An Act to amend The Commercial Vehicles Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 82), An Act to amend The Trustee Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Reynolds reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed and, after some time, it was on the motion of Mr. Murray,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND, 1945

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented its Fourth and Final Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee begs to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Township of Crowland.

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Township of Teck.

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Branch 51.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Town of Paris.

Your Committee begs to report the following Bill with a certain amendment:—

Bill (No. 16), An Act respecting the Township of Stamford.

Your Committee would recommend that Bill (No. 21), An Act respecting the Village of Swansea, be not reported.

Your Committee would recommend that the fees less the penalties, if any, and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Branch 51, and that the penalties only be remitted on Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Town of Paris.

Ordered, That the fees less the penalties, if any, and the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Branch 51, and that the penalties only be remitted on Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Town of Paris.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 102), intituled, "An Act respecting Town Planning." *Mr. Porter.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 103), intituled, "The Game and Fisheries Act, 1945." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 104), intituled, "An Act to amend The Provincial Parks Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 105), intituled, "The Vital Statistics Act, 1945." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 106), intituled, "An Act to amend The Wartime Housing Act, 1944." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 107), intituled, "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled, "An Act to amend The Local Improvement Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 109), intituled, "An Act to amend The Department of Municipal Affairs Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 110), intituled, "An Act to amend The Ontario Municipal Board Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 111), intituled, "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 112), intituled, "An Act to amend The Long Point Park Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 113), intituled, "An Act to amend The Industrial Farms Act." *Mr. Dunbar.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 114), intituled, "An Act to amend The Presqu'ile Park Act." *Mr. Thompson.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 115), intituled, "An Act to provide for Voting at the Election of Benchers of the Law Society in the year 1946 by Members of the Bar on Active Service in His Majesty's Forces." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 116), intituled, "An Act to amend The Money Lenders Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 117), intituled, "An Act to amend The Coroners Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 118), intituled, "An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act." *Mr. Blackwell.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the Town of Barrie.

Bill (No. 3), An Act respecting the City of Welland.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the City of Woodstock.

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

Bill (No. 7), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough Civic Hospital.

Bill (No. 13), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board.

Bill (No. 44), An Act to amend The Public Health Act.

Bill (No. 56), An Act to amend The Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act.

Bill (No. 64), An Act to amend The Mining Act.

Bill (No. 57), An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act.

Bill (No. 47), An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

Bill (No. 58), An Act to Confirm Tax Sales.

Bill (No. 59), An Act to amend The Bees Act.

Bill (No. 73), An Act to amend The Liquor Authority Control Act, 1944.

Bill (No. 46), An Act to amend The Public Hospitals Act.

Bill (No. 74), An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act.

Bill (No. 76), An Act to amend The Fire Departments Act.

Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 80), An Act to amend The Commercial Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 82), An Act to amend The Trustee Act.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:—

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province has, at its present Sittings, passed certain Bills to which, on behalf and in the name of the said Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills that had passed, as follows:—

An Act respecting the Town of Barrie.

An Act respecting the City of Welland.

An Act respecting the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium.

An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

An Act respecting the City of Woodstock.

An Act respecting the City of Peterborough Civic Hospital.

An Act respecting the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

An Act respecting the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada.

An Act respecting the City of St. Thomas.

An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

An Act respecting the City of Ottawa Separate School Board.

An Act to amend The Counties Reforestation Act.

An Act to amend The Crown Timber Act.

An Act to amend The Public Works Act.

An Act to repeal The Political Contributions Act.

An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

The Securities Act, 1945.

An Act respecting Prospecting Syndicates having a capital not exceeding $35,000.

An Act to amend The Public Health Act.

An Act to amend The Public Hospitals Act.

An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

An Act to amend The Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act.

An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act.

An Act to confirm Tax Sales.

An Act to amend The Bees Act.

An Act to amend The Public Trustee Act.

An Act to amend The Mining Act.

An Act to amend The Evidence Act.

An Act to amend The Liquor Authority Control Act, 1944.

An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act.

An Act to amend The Fire Departments Act.

An Act to amend The Public Vehicles Act.

An Act to amend The Commercial Vehicles Act.

An Act to amend The Trustee Act.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the amendment to the amendment to the Motion for consideration of the Speech of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

In the course of the debate the Honourable the Prime Minister announced that the Government would regard the amendment proposed to the Motion as a vote of want of confidence and if it carried matters would take their logical course and the people of Ontario would have to decide the issue.

After some time, the amendment to the amendment having been put, was lost on the following Division:—

YEAS

Alles
Anderson
Begin
Belanger
Carlin
Casselman
Dickson
Downie
Duff
Gordon
Grummett
Hancock
Hepburn (Elgin)
Jolliffe
Kehoe
Kelly
Laurier
Leavens
Lockhart
Luckock
MacGillivray
MacLeod
Miller
Murray
McEwing
Nixon
Oliver
Overall
Patterson
Robinson (Port Arthur)
Robinson (Waterloo, South)
Salsberg
Smith
Taylor (Temiskaming)
Thornberry—35

NAYS

Acres
Arnott
Bennett
Blackwell
Brown
Challies
Connor
Cook
Daley
Dennison
Dent
Docker
Doucett
Downer
Drew
Duckworth
Dunbar
Frost
Goodfellow
Hall
Hanna
Harvey
Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox)
Hunt
Johnston
Kennedy
Macphail
Martin
Millard
Mitchell
Murdoch
Murphy
McDonald
McIntyre
McPhee
Patrick
Porter
Pringle
Reynolds
Riggs
Roberts
Robertson
Robson
Scott
Steel
Stewart (Kingston)
Strange
Thompson
Vivian
Warren
Webster
Williams—52

The amendment to the Motion was then put and was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS

Alles
Anderson
Begin
Belanger
Bennett
Brown
Carlin
Casselman
Connor
Cook
Dennison
Dickson
Docker
Downie
Duff
Gordon
Grummett
Hancock
Harvey
Hepburn (Elgin)
Jolliffe
Kehoe
Kelly
Laurier
Leavens
Lockhart
Luckock
MacGillivray
MacLeod
Macphail
Millard
Miller
Mitchell
Murray
McEwing
Nixon
Oliver
Overall
Patterson
Riggs
Robertson
Robinson (Port Arthur)
Robinson (Waterloo, South)
Salsberg
Smith
Steel
Strange
Taylor (Temiskaming)
Thornberry
Warren
Williams—51

NAYS

Acres
Arnott
Blackwell
Challies
Daley
Dent
Doucett
Downer
Drew
Duckworth
Dunbar
Frost
Goodfellow
Hall
Hanna
Hepburn (Prince Edward-Lennox)
Hunt
Johnston
Kennedy
Martin
Murdoch
Murphy
McDonald
McIntyre
McPhee
Patrick
Porter
Pringle
Reynolds
Roberts
Robson
Scott
Stewart (Kingston)
Thompson
Vivian
Webster—36

The main Motion, as amended, was put and carried on the following Division:—

YEAS

Alles
Anderson
Begin
Belanger
Bennett
Brown
Carlin
Casselman
Connor
Cook
Dennison
Dickson
Docker
Downie
Duff
Gordon
Grummett
Hancock
Harvey
Hepburn (Elgin)
Jolliffe
Kehoe
Kelly

YEAS—Continued

Laurier
Leavens
Lockhart
Luckock
MacGillivray
MacLeod
Macphail
Millard
Miller
Mitchell
Murray
McEwing
Nixon
Oliver
Overall
Patterson
Riggs
Robertson
Robinson
(Port Arthur)
Robinson
(Waterloo, South)
Salsberg
Smith
Steel
Strange
Taylor
(Temiskaming)
Thornberry
Warren
Williams—51

NAYS

Acres
Arnott
Blackwell
Challies
Daley
Dent
Doucett
Downer
Drew
Duckworth
Dunbar
Frost
Goodfellow
Hall
Hanna
Hepburn
(Prince Edward-Lennox)
Hunt
Johnston
Kennedy
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Murdoch
Murphy
McDonald
McIntyre
McPhee
Patrick
Porter
Pringle
Reynolds
Roberts
Robson
Scott
Stewart
(Kingston)
Thompson
Vivian
Webster—36

And it was,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

To the Honourable Albert Matthews,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

But this House regrets:—

(1) that the attitude of the Government of Ontario towards the Dominion and other provinces has not assisted in creating conditions of national unity;

(2) that after more than 18 months in office the Government have failed to implement their promises with respect to education, health services and other important matters;

(3) that the Government have failed to forecast legislation that would assure adequate prices for farm products and security of farm tenure in the post-war years;

(4) that the Government have failed to recognize the immediate need for legislation that would provide union security and other collective bargaining rights for labour in the post-war years;

(5) that the Government have failed to accept their own responsibility for planning and organizing the resources of Ontario to guarantee productive employment in the post-war years for men and women now in uniform and for those now engaged in war industries.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor by those Members of this House who are Members of the Executive Council.

On motion by Mr. Jolliffe, seconded by Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns the present sitting thereof it do stand adjourned until three of the clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 27th next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House by command of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year ending 31st December, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ending December 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Registrar of Loan Corporations for the year ending December 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Also, Report of the Secretary and Registrar for the year ending March 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)

Also, Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police from January 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

The House then adjourned at 12 midnight.

Proclamation

ALBERT MATTHEWS

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,—

GREETING.

PROCLAMATION

L. E. BLACKWELL, *Attorney-General.* WHEREAS Our Government having been defeated in Our Legislative Assembly upon a motion showing want of confidence We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Ontario, to dissolve Our present Legislative Assembly;

NOW KNOW YE that, under and pursuant to the power and authority vested in US in that behalf, WE DO HEREBY DISSOLVE the present Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario;

OF ALL WHICH PREMISES all Our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in any wise concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS:

THE HONOURABLE ALBERT MATTHEWS, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At Our City of Toronto in Our said Province this 24th day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five and in the ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

F. V. JOHNS,
Assistant Provincial Secretary.

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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APPENDIX No. 1

Report of the Select Committee Authorized by the Legislative Assembly to Consider the Problem of the Development and Processing of the Lignite Deposits in Ontario.

Session of 1945

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SESSION OF 1945

This Committee begs to report as follows:

On the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of July, 1944, the Committee members with certain exceptions visited the deposits at Onakawana and were accompanied by the following technical staff: Dr. H. C. Rickaby, Deputy Minister of Mines; D. G. Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister of Mines and in charge of the lignite development; A. R. Crozier, Mine Assessor; Dr. E. A. R. Westman, of the Ontario Fuel Commission; Dr. Grenville Frost, Professor of Chemistry, Queen's University; Dr. George Langford, and R. L. Sutherland, Combustion Engineer of the Truax-Traer Coal Company of Chicago, Illinois.

The secretary of the Committee, Ralph Hyman, and William Nixon, former Industrial Commissioner of the T. & N.O. Railway, as well as Messrs. E. R. Tucker of Cochrane, R. D. Cumming of Haileybury, Roy Thompson of Kirkland Lake, and James Hornick of Timmins, accompanied the Committee at the invitation of the Chairman.

The Minister of Mines, the Honourable Mr. Frost, also accompanied the Committee members. On July twenty-seventh, 1944, an interim report was submitted to the Premier and the Government of the Province.

On the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of September, 1944, the Committee met again in Toronto. At this meeting a progress report from Mr. D. G. Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister of Mines, and in charge of the lignite development, was received and the memoranda supplied to the Chairman from the following expert staff were considered:

R. L. Sutherland, Combustion Engineer, Truax-Traer Coal Company, Chicago, Illinois;
A. R. Crozier, Mine Assessor, Department of Mines;
D. G. Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister of Mines;
Dr. Grenville G. Frost, Professor Chemistry, Queen's University Kingston, Ontario;
Dr. A. E. R. Westman, Ontario Research Foundation.

The following is quoted from the interim report submitted by the Committee

to the Premier and the Government of this Province dated September twenty-eighth, 1944:

"At the request of the Committee and in the absence of Mr. Sutherland and Dr. Frost, Messrs. Crozier, Sinclair and Westman, who were present at the deliberations, analyzed the recommendations contained in the memoranda and advised the Committee that there was substantial agreement among the technical advisers 'with regard to factual data pertaining to the Onakawana development and with regard to the following conclusions and recommendations except where otherwise indicated.' Herewith are their conclusions and recommendations:

"1. The mining cost is the most important factor.

"2. The processing can be accomplished.

"3. There is a potential market for 100,000 tons of processed lignite a year but not an assured base load."

Dr. Frost's memorandum is less favourable than this since he concludes:

"(1) The proposition that 100,000 tons per year of Fleissner lignite can be marketed in the Cochrane-Kirkland Lake-Timmins Area, as a self-supporting enterprise, without access to the railroad market, is unsound."

"4. In view of the investment already made, the experimental development should be continued on a tentative basis. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it should be confined to mining or should include processing. The Sinclair and Frost Memoranda suggest mining only. In view of later discussion in the Committee, Mr. Sinclair now agrees that processing be included since the amount to be saved by eliminating the processing is small in proportion to other expenditures (possibly $7,500 capital and $3,500 per month for two or three months).

"5. As an additional recommendation we would suggest that, if it is decided to discontinue the development now or at a later date, arrangements be made to stockpile from 2,000 to 5,000 tons of raw lignite so that experiments with possible new processes which may prove advisable in the future will not require re-opening of the deposit."

"Whilst Messrs. Crozier, Sinclair and Westman were preparing the above quoted memorandum, the members of the Committee discussed the project and the conclusions which they reached were in substantial accord with the foregoing memorandum.

"The Committee has had an opportunity now of studying various reports, seeing the property itself and hearing the views of both the technical experts and others. The evidence at present available indicates that any field of commercial operations will, in all probability, be confined to the areas known as A and B unless new means of recovery or treatment or both are later developed. The estimates of lignite reserves, including both lower and upper seams in the

Areas A and B, approximate 10,000,000 tons. Area A, which is the more favourable area and is the area which is at the present time being worked, is estimated to contain approximately 3,000,000 tons of nearly all lower seam material. Only actual operations will determine what proportion, if any, of the upper seam can be utilized and therefore the estimate of reserves may require downward revision. Beyond these areas and with a substantially greater ratio of overburden, a further 90,000,000 tons of lignite is indicated, the development of which cannot, in our opinion, be economically undertaken under present known methods.

"It should be borne in mind that it requires three tons of the raw lignite mined to produce one ton of the Fleissner dried lignite. Inevitably a variety of sizes would be produced so that industrial as well as domestic market would be necessary. It is anticipated that not more than 75% of the Fleissner dried product will be suitable for the domestic market.

"The expenditures for experimental plant and equipment, including present commitments and costs of installation amount to $432,000. This is an experimental plant only and will be capable of producing about 60 tons of the Fleissner dried lignite per day. Obviously this limited production could not be self-supporting. In order to enlarge and equip the operation for a scale of production of 100,000 tons per year of Fleissner dried lignite (i.e., about 365 tons per day) additional capital expenditures estimated at $750,000 would be required. It should also be stated that the expenditures to date, in addition to the cost of the plant and equipment, amount to approximately $553,000. It will be observed that total expenditures to date have reached about $1,000,000.

"Of the $100,000 allocated to the enterprise by the Legislature at its last session, $73,000 has been spent or committed leaving $27,000 to take care of the requirements up to December 1st. Mr. Sinclair estimates that this amount may carry the enterprise to the period of entering upon production and estimates that approximately $16,000 per month will be required to carry on the experimental operation after December 1st next, assuming that no revenue is derived from the sale of the product to apply against this expenditure."

From the evidence before the Committee, the facts as they have been able to ascertain them and the advice of the technical staff, the Committee *does not believe that the development of the lignite deposit at Onakawana is economically sound, particularly in view of the lack of evidence of any substantial back log of industrial markets.* In view, however, of the large amount of money already spent on the project and particularly the amount that has been spent on the partial installation of a plant to dry the material by the Fleissner method, the Committee is of the opinion that for experimental and research reasons, it is advisable to complete the small-scale plant and produce therefrom sufficient quantities of Fleissner dried lignite in order that the fullest possible information can be made available as to the methods and results, in case at some future date this information should be of value.

"In this connection we wish to draw particular attention to the Summary and Recommendations contained in the memorandum of Mr. R. L. Sutherland, dated August 30th, 1944.

SUMMARY

"1. A study of the various reports covering the exploration of the lignite field and the experimental work on processing and burning the processed lignite indicates that while definite progress has been made there are still a number of variables in the mining, processing and marketing phases that have not been fully explored and which can only be determined by actual experience.

"2. Elimination of the fuel requirements of the T. & N.O. Railway has reduced the potential market and the most promising 'back log' tonnage for a commercial development.

"3. The mining and processing equipment required to provide reasonably definite data on the cost of production is either installed at the property or is in the process of fabrication.

"4. A substantial part of the stripping required for one season's operation of the processing plant has been completed.

"5. A large investment in exploration and development work has been incurred.

"6. An estimate of the cost of completing the small scale plant now under construction and of operating the processing plant for a period of nine months has been included in the Fuel Commission Report. This cost can be considered as insurance protection in determining whether or not a commercial development would be a prudent investment. The actual operating period required will depend on conditions encountered and cannot be determined accurately in advance."

RECOMMENDATIONS

"In view of the investment in exploration and development work to date it is recommended that:

1. The stripping, mining and processing work now under way be continued long enough to provide reasonably accurate information on (*a*) mining conditions, (*b*) processing technique, (*c*) costs of mining and processing, (*d*) market reaction in both domestic and industrial fields.

2. In the initial stages of market development close attention be given to the use of the fuel in all types of burning equipment to ensure that best results be obtained. This may require the services of one or more qualified engineers until the use of the fuel is well established.

3. Consideration be given to provision of an assured base of 'back log' tonnage before undertaking a large scale commercial development to avoid operating losses during the period of market development. This tonnage can best be provided in industrial plants burning fuel throughout the year. The co-operation of owners contemplating the erection of new steam plants or having plants in which the installation of modern burning

equipment would be most helpful. Lignite can be burned in plants having pulverized fuel equipment without change to burners or furnaces. Additional pulverizing capacity may be required on account of the lower heat value of the lignite per ton and the relatively low grindability of lignite.

"With the completion of such a programme enough information should be available to determine with reasonable accuracy whether the lignite deposit has a place in the immediate economic life of Northern Ontario or should be considered as a potential resource to be reserved for use in connection with other natural resources adjacent to the deposit. In either case the value of the deposit will have been determined and further large scale work will not be required if or when commercial development becomes practicable.

"We also recommend that a competent strip mining consultant be engaged to survey the mining problems at the property and submit a report on practices and costs, as soon as possible. With regard to the product which will be produced from the experimental plant, the Committee is of the opinion that this should receive as wide market tests as possible for the purpose of obtaining information concerning possible use. In this connection someone experienced in the burning, use and marketing of lignite might well be employed to further explore and develop a purely experimental market, whose duties would include the collecting of data on these experimental marketing tests.

"It is the view of this Committee that the full position of the lignite project should be placed before the people of the Province and particularly those most interested in the project in its true perspective and, to this end, the Committee recommends that consideration be given to the issuing of factual statements and the publication of a pamphlet on the subject.

"The Committee wishes to again express its appreciation of the work of the technical experts and in particular of Mr. R. L. Sutherland and Dr. Grenville Frost, both of whom gave freely of their service and whose counsel and advice have been of great value to the Committee in its deliberations."

The foregoing quotation commencing as indicated on page two and continuing to this point contains the main findings of the Committee.

The Committee met again on the twenty-third of February, 1945, and authorized this chairman to submit this report after considering a further progress report by Mr. D. G. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair's report, bearing date seventeenth of February, 1945, indicated that two autoclaves have now been completed and received at the property and that a contract for installation of the high pressure steam lines from the boiler plant to serve the autoclaves has been let and will be completed as soon as necessary. Materials for the installation are available. Mr. Sinclair reports that in the fiscal year beginning April first, 1944, and up to February the fifteenth, 1945, expenditures relating to the deposit totalling $89,242.18 in addition to certain commitments not paid for during the period. He also reported that a fire at the property had destroyed the garage, machine shop and part of the warehouse on February ninth, 1945. A considerable quantity of parts of essential equipment were damaged. The Committee recommends proceeding in the most economical manner possible, and that such essential work

as may be required be carried out. Recommendations set down in the above-mentioned interim report on September the twenty-eighth, 1944, are fully quoted.

The Committee stresses the view that it does not believe that the development of the lignite deposit of Onakawana is economically sound particularly in view of the lack of evidence of any substantial "back log" of industrial markets but for the reasons already quoted herein is of the opinion that a sufficient quantity of Fleissner dried lignite should be produced in order that the fullest possible information can be made available as to the methods and results in case at some future date this information should be of value.

The study of the Committee has been confined to the question of the lignite deposits in Ontario. No other question has been referred to it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. KELSO ROBERTS,
Chairman, Select Committee

APPENDIX No. 2

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Meeting of the Committee on Public Accounts of the Second Session of the Twenty-First Legislature, 1945, Held in Committee Room Number 2, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario, Thursday, March 22nd, 1945, at ten-thirty o'clock a.m.

Session of 1945

APPENDIX No. 2

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 1945

Committee Room No. 2, Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Thursday, March 22nd, 1945, at 10.30 a.m.

MAJOR ALEX LEWIS (Clerk of the House) in the Chair.

Present: Hon. Mr. Drew, Messrs. Anderson, Arnott, Belanger, Bennett, Blackwell, Casselman, Challies, Daley, Dennison, Dent, Dickson, Doucett, Duckworth, Frost, Hall, Hepburn (Elgin), Hunt, Johnston, Jolliffe, Kehoe, Kelly, Leavens, Lockhart, MacGillivray, MacLeod, Millard, Miller, Murdoch, Murphy, McIntyre, McPhee, Nixon, Oliver, Patrick, Porter, Pringle, Riggs, Roberts, Smith, Stewart (Kingston), Strange, Taylor (Temiskaming), Thompson, Vivian, Webster, Williams.

MAJOR ALEX LEWIS (Clerk of the House): Gentlemen, I will be very glad to receive nominations for the position of Chairman.

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): I move that Mr. Richard Arnott be the Chairman of the Committee.

MR. PRINGLE: I second the motion.

MAJOR LEWIS: You have heard the motion; what is your pleasure?

Motion agreed to.

Whereupon Mr. Richard B. Arnott (Hastings West) assumed the gavel as Chairman of the meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, gentlemen, the meeting is open. If any hon. member has anything to bring before the members of the Committee, will they do so now?

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, I move, seconded by Mr. Nixon of Brant, that Mr. J. H. Robinson, Chief Inspector of Gasoline Tax, for the Department of Highways, be directed at the next meeting of this Committee to give evidence, and to bring with him all letters, memorandum, and writings received by him in connection with the proposal that all security bonds be secured through one source.

HON. MR. BLACKWELL (Attorney-General): I would like to speak to the motion, Mr. Chairman.

The fact of the matter is that I think this motion, with all respect, is unnecessary, in view of the fact that it was undertaken that the officials of the departments, with all records, would be brought before this Committee, and they have all been brought here this morning, pursuant to that undertaking, and we are now in a position to proceed with putting in the records, and making available to the Committee the evidence of the officials in question, and under these circumstances, I have no doubt that the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) will desire to proceed this morning.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, in fairness to myself, may I say that a motion was passed by the House a few days ago, following a notice which I introduced, and which read as follows:

> "That there be laid before this House a return showing copies of all letters written by the officials of the Department of Highways to any collectors of gasoline taxes in Ontario, suggesting that their bonds be handled through one particular source."

This morning I communicated with the Clerk of the House, and I have just learned that the letters have been tabled. I want a chance to study those letters, and not to just have them thrown before me this morning.

The commitment was made that the letters would be tabled, but up to this moment, that has not been done.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, that is a perfectly absurd statement. The correspondence was tabled in the Legislature, and not only was that correspondence tabled, but it was covered at that time by a most comprehensive statement by the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) and the only deduction I can make from the statement by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) is that he does not want to proceed, because the point of the matter is that he has had all the time since the fracas in the Legislature until now to examine that correspondence, and the fact of the matter it is that is much more onerous for the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) and the officials, than for the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn).

The fact is, Mr. Chairman, that we have all this material, and these officials are here this morning, and are ready to get on.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, in order to settle this matter, and to keep the record straight, I want to ask if the order of the House has been complied with? I ask for your ruling.

MAJOR LEWIS (Clerk of the House): Mr. Chairman, I believe the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) is just a little confused, because of the fact when hon. Mr. Doucett was making the statement in the House last week, he tabled copies of letters between Mr. Robinson and Mr. Zaller, and various other officials of the Department in connection with this matter.

It was following that, that Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) made the motion calling for the tabling of documents, which was passed by the House. There has been no response to that order of the House, except the fact that these letters which

may be all the letters which were available, were tabled in the House, previous to the passing of the motion.

MR. BLACKWELL: Except this, Mr. Clerk (Major Lewis), that the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) very definitely stated in the House that it was the entire return.

MAJOR LEWIS: Quite.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I happen to know differently—

MR. BLACKWELL: That is a matter of evidence before the Committee, Mr. Chairman, whether that return is complete or not.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Clerk (Major Lewis) to give a ruling as to whether that order has been complied with or not. At least there is one letter which should have been tabled, in response to that motion, and has not been tabled as yet.

MAJOR LEWIS: I don't know whether it has or not.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): All right; there (indicating) is one which would come under your ruling.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Before an answer is given, I want to ask a further question. When returns are made, is it not customary to have a certificate of some kind attached to them, indicating that it was made as the result of a certain order. Has that been done?

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): Let us get this quite clear. At the time these comments were made, the usual barrage was being put around the House by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) and this suggestion was made, and it was then pointed out that all the material which had already been furnished the House, in connection with the statement of the Hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) covered the request that was made, and that is the way it was dealt with. The statement quite clearly indicated that there was a uniform letter which had gone out.

Now, there could be but one reason for delay; the officials are here, the books are here, and the only reason the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) is not willing to go on, is that he is not prepared to face the music.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. BLACKWELL: As another example of the reckless statement by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn), I think the Clerk is about to say that the letter which the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) says was not returned, was returned, and is here.

MAJOR LEWIS: There is a draft here.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Was that tabled in the House?

MR. BLACKWELL: Yes.

HON. GEORGE DOUCETT (Minister of Highways): Yes, I read it in the House.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I want to get this straight. I want to differentiate between correspondence tabled, and correspondence asked for in the motion. The correspondence asked for includes letters sent out over the signature of Mr. Robinson, which reads as follows:

"I have been instructed by the Minister—"

and so forth. Was that tabled in the House?

MAJOR LEWIS: Yes.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): When?

MAJOR LEWIS: On Friday, the 16th of March.

MR. HEPBURN: You told me this morning it was not.

MAJOR LEWIS: No, Mr. Hepburn; what I told you was there had been no response to your motion passed for a return of papers, but I told you the hon. Minister had tabled certain documents in the House at the time he made his statement. It is not my place to say whether it is or is not the document, but the Department can.

MR. BLACKWELL: What the Clerk of the House may have said to the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) does not go to the root of the matter. The fact is that the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) dealt with the matter in a most formal way in the House, and everyone here will recall, in dealing with each item of this correspondence, he was very careful to table it in the course of his statement, and label it "Exhibit A", "Exhibit B", and "Exhibit so-and-so", right through.

The fact is that at the conclusion he stated that was a complete return. It has been there ever since March 15th, for the examination of the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn)—that is, unless he is tired of the matter now.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, I am not satisfied. I happen to know, from various sources, that many letters of the kind sent out to the McManus Petroleum Limited, are in circulation. I know these letters have not been tabled up until to-day, although there was an order of the House for them to be tabled. I called the Clerk, and asked if these letters were tabled, and he said "No."

MAJOR LEWIS: No, Mr. Hepburn, I must correct that. You did not ask me if there was any specific letter tabled. You asked me if there were any documents tabled in reply to your motion and I said, "No", but these were tabled before that.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): May I repeat the motion:

"That there be laid before this House returns showing copies of letters written by officials of the Department of Highways to any collectors of gasoline taxes in Ontario, suggesting that bonds be handled through one particular source."

I have already read in the House a copy of one of these letters and I want to know to what extent these letters were circulated throughout Ontario. That is why I moved the motion which the hon. Prime Minister accepted.

Hon. George A. Drew (Prime Minister): Now, in reference to the fact that it has been said that I accepted it, let me make this quite clear. This motion was put; it was stated that the information which had been given complied with the motion, and there was no suggestion there were to be any further returns.

Now, we have called the Public Accounts, and we want to get ahead. I know McManus is one who is tied in with these. We want to get ahead. We want to get all the details of McManus's activities and his contact with the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn), from whose Government he received over $1,100.00 a week during the whole time my hon. friend from Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) was in office.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion—

Mr. Blackwell: In order that the motion may be brought in issue—we do not want to leave it in a vacuum—I will move an amendment, to the effect that in view of the fact that complete returns were made in the House, and stated as such, that this Committee proceed this morning.

Hon. Mr. Drew (Prime Minister): I second that motion.

Mr. Jolliffe: May we have the motion and the amendment read?

Major Lewis: The motion is:

"Mr. J. H. Robinson, Chief Inspector of gasoline taxes, Department of Highways, be directed to attend at the next meeting of this Committee, and to give evidence, and to bring with him all letters and memoranda written by him in connection with the proposal that all security bonds be secured through one source."

The amendment presented by Mr. Blackwell is to the effect that:

"In view of the fact that the officials are here and the documents are tabled, the Committee proceed this morning."

Mr. Hepburn: Mr. Chairman, under the circumstances, I am quite willing to go on, although I think I am under a handicap. Now, Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the press are here, I want to make a statement correcting the statement just made by the hon. Prime Minister. He said the McManus Petroleum received—how much was it?—a million dollars a week—

MR. DREW: That is pretty far, even for you. No, I said that the McManus Petroleum got an average business from the Government led by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) while he was head of that Government, of $1,100.00 a week. That is the fellow who did not have a feather to fly with, when you started in.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I want to submit a statement from the McManus Company, which shows that in the years between 1938 and 1945, the McManus Company did exactly $9,876.00 worth of business with the Government, for the whole time, and here (indicating) is a statement from their auditor:

"1938.....No business
1939.....No business
1940.....$2,250.00
1941..... 2,494.00
1942..... 2,364.00
1943..... 2,423.00"

Then came the change in Government.

"1944.....$237.00
1945..... 107.70"

I tabled that statement of business done with the McManus Petroleum.

MR. BLACKWELL: Of course, that is not evidence, but in view of the fact that the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) has recognized the necessity of having some statement of the McManus business with the Government, while he was the Prime Minister of the Province, I will now move we actually get the evidence, and I will make a motion now—

MR. BELANGER (Prescott): Mr. Chairman, on a point of order: I think there is a limit to carrying on as we are at the present time. The first man who should have been called to order was Mr. Drew, when he made the statement he did, and if anyone on this Committee is going to take the attitude that he has, then the reaction is sure to come, and I say to you, Mr. Chairman, that it is really scandalous that the hon. Prime Minister of the Province, at the first sitting of this Committee, should himself willingly and deliberately break the rules of debate. I ask, Mr. Chairman, that this be not further allowed, at the start of the whole thing, and I think it should be thrown out, altogether, as being out of order.

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): Mr. Chairman, we are still discussing this motion, and the question has been raised by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn).

May I say that there are two companies operated by McManus, one is the Imperialle Fuels Limited of London, and the other is the McManus Petroleum Limited, and I am going to table right now a statement—not complete—$366,009.00 in the case of McManus Imperialle Fuels Limited, and in the case of the McManus Petroleum Limited, $389,000.00.

I table these in connection with this motion. Those, of course, are not complete. When I say "Not complete", there are details which have not yet been made available.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion I would like to make. I will read it as I have it written here.

Moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Doucett:

> "That Joseph McManus and F. J. Moore be summoned to attend as witnesses before this Committee and to bring with them and produce to the Committee all documents, records, papers and things which may be in the possession or under the control of them or either of them in his personal capacity or as an official of McManus Petroleums, Limited, or Imperialle Fuels Limited, or which may be in the possession or under the control of the said McManus Petroleums Limited, touching or concerning or in any way pertaining to any bond or agreement or relationship or understanding between any or all of them and His Majesty or the Department of Highways or any official of the Government of Ontario in connection with the collection of gasoline tax under The Gasoline Tax Act or in connection with any bond furnished, required to be furnished or requested in connection with the collection of such tax."

I so-move, Mr. Chairman, and here is the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion by Mr. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Doucett, is there any discussion.

MR. WILLIAMS (Ontario): Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask one question of the Clerk. I am one of the innocent by-standers in this sort of thing. Apparently it is going to be very interesting. The hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) has moved a resolution asking for certain information to be tabled, and now comes along an amendment asking for additional submission of evidence before this Committee.

MR. BLACKWELL: No, that was not an amendment.

MAJOR LEWIS: Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) however has said he was prepared to go on this morning. That superseded the motion.

MR. WILLIAMS: I know, I heard that. But whether this other thing that the hon. Mr. Blackwell introduced is another resolution, or an amendment, is neither here nor there, but the point is this: both parties are asking for the tabling of additional information.

MAJOR LEWIS: No.

MR. WILLIAMS: Just a minute. What I am asking is, is the information that both parties are asking for available to this Committee now?

MAJOR LEWIS: Mr. Williams, you are under a misconception. Mr. Hepburn

(Elgin) moved for the production of witnesses and certain papers. After that, he said he was prepared to go on.

Mr. Blackwell's motion is to summon two witnesses, and instruct them to bring with them certain information and certain papers.

That is the ordinary way in which committees carry on. It is not a question of tabling papers; it is a question of the production of witnesses with the information which they have.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Are they available to-day?

MAJOR LEWIS: No, not that I know of.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, I think it is understood that we will proceed to-day with the Department officials and the records, as far as the Department is concerned. We cannot bring Mr. McManus and his secretary here, with the records of his company, except by way of a subpoena, and this business is being transacted here this morning to enable the Committee to continue at another sitting, but we are prepared to go ahead with the Departmental matters this morning.

MR. WILLIAMS: Then this file of information asked for is not available this morning? I did not ask this question for the purpose of objecting to have an adjournment until it is here, but let us go ahead with what we have got, and if we require additional information, we can adopt the resolution of both parties, and get any additional information for the purpose of clearing up this matter.

It does not mean that in order to get additional information we must adjourn until we get it. We could go on this morning with what we have here.

MAJOR LEWIS: Quite so. That is the ordinary procedure.

At these committees, motions are made to produce witnesses with such information as they have. They are never available on the immediate day—or very seldom; they are brought by subpoena.

There is only one motion before the Committee at the present time, and that is Mr. Blackwell's motion for the summoning of Mr. McManus and his secretary.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it would be the pleasure of the Committee to get on with the officials of the Department of Highways?

MR. DENNISON (St. David): Speaking on this motion, which Mr. Blackwell is placing before us; before the motion was placed before us, the hon. Prime Minister put some information on the table. That information on the table does not stand until a deputy minister, or somebody, states that that is correct? That has to be proved?

MR. BLACKWELL: That is right.

MR. DENNISON: Then, on my point of order; should not anything placed

on the table be proven by someone brought here as a witness, who will identify it? Should that not be done, before we proceed with any further motions?

MR. BLACKWELL: No. The point is this: I raised the very same question. The hon. member for St. David (Mr. Dennison) will remember when Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) discussed the statement he produced this morning, I made it very plain that it was not evidence. The fact is, that neither of these statements are evidence, and they should not be accepted by this Committee until two things happen: (1) until some evidence has been adduced that they are correct, and (2) evidence is introduced to deny either of them. It is only at that stage that they become final evidence before the Committee. So far, they are only on the table.

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair is accepting the statements for what they are worth; they are not being accepted as evidence yet.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, I tabled a statement from the auditors of McManus showing nine thousand dollars worth of business from the Government during the years I referred to. The other statement shows they have done three hundred and some thousands of dollars worth of business. I do not think either should be taken as evidence.

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): I am quite prepared to admit that they should be proved in the ordinary way. I was making a statement in reply to the statement as to what was done, in reply to my statement that this company did over eleven hundred dollars worth of business a week with the Government led by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin) during the time he was in office.

If you like, we will wait until Mr. McManus comes, and they can be taken at that time.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rules that these exhibits "A" and "B" are out of order, and they will have to be proved in the usual way.

You have heard the motion by Mr. Blackwell. What is your pleasure?

Motion agreed to.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, do I understand that my motion is now put and carried?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. BLACKWELL: Then, in order to facilitate this Committee getting on with its job, I now suggest I will call the proper officials of the Department with the records and prove them in the usual way.

I will call the Deputy Minister of Highways.

MR. CASSELMAN (Nipissing): Mr. Chairman, on a point of order: I do not want to be accused of obstructing at all, but it seems to me a while ago we had more letters tabled, or presumably tabled, and I gathered the information

that they should have carried with them a certificate saying they were the letters, before you accepted them.

Now, the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) and the hon. Prime Minister both produced some papers, and they are ruled out. Should they not have a certificate saying, "That is all the letters"—or something of that sort?

MR. BLACKWELL: I think it is convenient for the purposes of this Committee, that the correspondence be filed.

MR. CASSELMAN: Are you going to answer my question?

MR. BLACKWELL: Now, Mr. Chairman, after the hon. Minister of Health (Mr. Vivian) has improved affairs again by opening a window, I would just like to try and clear up this point for Mr. Casselman.

I think any question he has in his mind will be completely removed, and for this reason; I will undertake that the officials from the Department of Highways will not only prove the correspondence, but also, before they are through, prove whether or not that is all on record, and that will put the matter into a clear position before this Committee.

In the meantime, for the purposes of this Committee, all that material that was filed will not be proved.

I will call the Deputy Minister of Highways.

JOHN DAVID MILLAR, a witness being called and duly sworn, testified as follows:

HON. MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Now, Mr. Millar, you are the Deputy Minister of Highways?

A. That is right, sir.

Q. And you are familiar with the question that has been raised with regard to the filing of gasoline bonds to cover gasoline collections by the dealers?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, will you produce a letter, or copy of letter, dated August 11th, from Mr. Strong, the Chief Inspector of gasoline tax in the Department of Highways, if you have it?

A. May I call for Mr. Robinson to bring me my file?

Q. Yes, certainly. (Document handed to witness.)

Q. I mean the first one which went out, before the Government changed.

A. Oh, I see, sir. There (indicating) is a letter, sir, addressed to McManus Petroleums Limited, attention Mr. F. J. Moore, dated April 11th, 1944.

Q. That is not the one. This is August 11th, 1943. Have you that one?

A. Here (indicating) is a letter, sir, dated August 11th, 1943.

MR. BLACKWELL: The Deputy Minister of Highways hands me copy of letter dated Auguxt 11th, 1943, addressed to McManus Petroleums Limited, by the Chief Inspector of Gasoline Tax.

To fix that letter, with reference to events, it was written subsequent to the election of August 4th, 1943, as a result of which, the Government of the Province of Ontario, and it was written before the then Government had resigned, and a new Government had taken office.

I will read the letter:

"The McManus Petroleums Limited,
225 Rectory Street,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that it will be necessary for you to increase your Surety Bond in favour of His Majesty the King, as represented by the Minister of Highways, and for the Province of Ontario, in accordance with the collector's agreement, from $15,000.00 to $60,000.00.

This increase should be effected immediately on the receipt of this correspondence.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, and advise this Department when the increased Bond may be expected.

Yours very truly,
Chief Inspector of Gasoline Tax."

MR. NIXON (Brant): That letter is signed by whom?

MR. BLACKWELL: I will bring that out.

MR. NIXON: Who was the Chief Inspector at that time?

MR. BLACKWELL: I will bring that out.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Now, Mr. Millar, who was the Chief Inspector of Gasoline Taxes at that time?

A. Mr. D. E. Strong, sir.

Q. Are you able to inform the committee whether or not that letter was sent out and signed by Mr. Strong?

A. No, I cannot say so, without seeing the original letter. It was my understanding that it was.

Q. Is Mr. Strong available to give evidence before this Committee?

A. He is not in the Department of Highways at the present time, but is in the Department of Treasury and would be available, I would say.

MR. BLACKWELL: Well, subject to that identification, I will suggest this letter be marked as Exhibit No. 1.

EXHIBIT NO. 1: Letter dated August 11th, 1943, Chief Inspector to McManus.

MR. JOLLIFFE: May I ask the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. BLACKWELL: Certainly.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Is it your intention, as you go on, to introduce a copy of the Collector's Agreement referred to in that letter?

MR. BLACKWELL: That can be done, if it is desired.

MR. JOLLIFFE: I would like to see one.

MR. BLACKWELL: Very well.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Now, I note, Mr. Millar, that this letter is addressed to the McManus Petroleum Limited; from the Departmental records, are you able to say whether or not Mr. McManus was the only oil operator who received such a letter?

A. To my knowledge, sir, it went to several oil companies.

Q. What do you mean by "several oil companies"?

A. I would say, sir, from my knowledge, it would go to those who, in the opinion of the Department, had not sufficient coverage for bonding.

Q. Are you able to swear whether or not such a letter did go to all of those who, in the opinion of the Department, required additional bond?

A. I am not able to testify to that, sir.

If I might add; at the time that letter was written, the matter of bonding and the happening of the gasoline tax was under Treasury more than the Department of Highways.

Q. At that time, where was Mr. Strong employed? In Highways or in Treasury?

A. He was employed by the Department of Highways.

Q. He was employed by the Department of Highways?

A. Yes.

Q. As at the date of this letter, who was the Minister of Highways?

A. Mr. T. B. McQuesten would be Minister of Highways.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Who was the Deputy Minister?

MR. BLACKWELL: The hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Jolliffe) wants to know who was the Deputy Minister?

A. Myself. I was the Deputy Minister.

Q. How long preceding this date—that is, before August 11st, 1943—were you the Deputy Minister of Highways?

A. I became Deputy Minister of Highways on June 14th, 1943.

Q. Now, have you in any of these files a form of Collectors' Agreement?

A. I would say so, sir.

Q. And the form of Collectors' Agreement in use as at that time?

A. Yes.

Q. If you have, you might produce a form of Collectors' Agreement and we will mark it as an exhibit.

A. I am handing you the Collectors' Agreement with the McManus Petroleum as a sample of the Collectors' Agreement required by the Department.

Q. Does this relate to any particular individual?

A. That is McManus Petroleum.

MR. BLACKWELL: I believe we should mark the actual McManus Agreement. That will be satisfactory?

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Is that Agreement on the standard form, or a special form?

A. It is on a standard form, sir.

EXHIBIT No. 2: Collectors' Agreement, the King vs. McManus, dated April 1st, 1939.

Q. I understand, Mr. Miller, that both before and after the election on August 4th, 1943, there was considerable Departmental consideration of the gasoline tax collection problem; would that be so?

A. To my knowledge, I would not be able to testify to that. As I mentioned before, I did not have a great deal of contact with gasoline tax collections at that time.

Q. That is, prior to June?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. But, in any event, there was a memorandum on this bonding question produced in the Department?

A. That is right.

Q. Well now, who studied the problem and produced that memorandum?

A. Mr. D. E. Strong, the Gasoline Tax Collector at that time.

Q. To your knowledge, did the Minister—either the Minister of Highways, the Hon. T. B. McQuesten, or the Hon. George Doucett—participate in the consideration that led to that memorandum being furnished?

A. I cannot testify to that. I was not familiar with it.

Q. Well, were either of these Ministers present at any discussions relating to the problem of gasoline tax collection, prior to that memorandum being furnished to you—to your knowledge?

A. Might I inquire clarification, sir? Are you referring to the letter of August 22th, 1943?

Q. No, I am referring to the memorandum that you told me about, which was approved by you—you must be aware of that?

A. Yes, that was a memorandum dated later.

Q. That is what I mean.

A. That is dated the 24th of September.

Q. Now, will you produce the memorandum dated—what is the date?

A. I believe it was September 24th.

Q. Will you produce that memorandum?

A. Yes, sir. It is in this exhibit which has been filed. May I get it from there?

Q. Oh yes, surely.

A. Yes, it is September 24th.

Q. Now, you handed me the following document dated September 24th, 1943. It is headed: "Memorandum to Mr. J. D. Millar"—that is you?

A. That is right.

Q. And this memorandum reads as follows:

"Memorandum for Mr. J. D. Millar:

I am attaching a list of gasoline tax vendors who are under agreement with the Department for the collection of the gasoline tax. You will notice on this list that most of the companies have supplied a bond from the recognized insurance companies. Others have deposited securities and the larger companies have just given their personal bond that they would be responsible for the amount of tax collected. This personal bond is of no value in so far as guaranteeing the payment of the money collected for the tax is concerned. I would suggest that those companies who have submitted personal bonds be asked to supply a regular bond or deposit securities up to 80% of any one month's collection.

I might also recommend that those who have been requested to increase their bonds be made to do so."

Q. This letter appears to be signed by J. L. Zoller, Assistant to the Deputy Minister?

A. Yes, J. L. Zoller.

Q. Assistant to the Deputy Minister?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, it bears on it these words: "Recommended (Signed) J. D. Millar". Is that you?

A. That is right.

EXHIBIT No. 3: Memorandum, September 24th, 1943, Zoller to Millar.

Q. Now, when you received this memorandum, from Mr. Zoller, and marked it "Recommended", what happened to the memorandum then?

A. I took that memorandum to the office of the Hon. Mr. Doucett, and discussed it with him, and at a later date, Mr. Doucett wrote to me that he approved of that recommendation, and instructed that it be carried out.

Q. Can you produce a copy of letter or memorandum that you have just referred to, which the Hon. Minister of Highways, Hon. George Doucett, sent to you, Mr. Millar?

A. Yes, I present it, sir.

Q. This is a letter dated October 4th, 1943. It is headed "Memorandum for Mr. J. D. Millar" re "Bonds for Gasoline Tax Collectors", and the letter reads as follows:

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): What is the date?

MR. BLACKWELL: October 4th. Now, I will read the memorandum of October 4th, 1943, to which I have just referred:

"Following our conversation of some time ago and Mr. Zoller's memorandum, I wish to be very emphatic about this matter and we must have a policy for large and small alike of 80 per cent surety bond or securities. Personal filing is not sufficient. Kindly see that this is done at the very earliest date so that I can assure the companies that feel that they are unfairly treated that they will be put on an even basis."

And that is signed by Geo. H. Doucett, Minister of Highways.

Q. You remember receiving the original of that memorandum?

A. I do.
EXHIBIT No. 4: Letter, October 4th, 1943, Doucett to Millar.

Q. Now, Mr. Millar, can you produce from your file the letter signed by Mr. Robinson, which went out to the Gasoline Companies?

A. I will produce, sir, a draft of the letter which I approved for Mr. Robinson to send out.

Q. Yes, I want to get that, while you are on the stand—to get you on oath as to your approval of the letter.

A. I am presenting it. That is a letter approved by myself on April 6th, 1944.

MR. BLACKWELL: I will read the letter. This is on the letterhead of the Gasoline Tax Branch of the Department of Highways, Toronto, and is headed "Draft":

"I have been instructed by the Minister of Highways to advise you that, in accordance with the Gasoline Tax Collector's Articles of Agreement, your company is required to furnish this Department with a bond for $..... to assure payment of your collections of the Ontario Gasoline Tax.

"The Department has just completed negotiations with regard to the matter of premium charges. Satisfactory arrangements and underwriting conditions have been made available by an understanding that all collectors' bonds be handled through one source. To this end, arrangements have been made with the A. E. Wilson Company Limited, Lumsden Building, Toronto, at the following rates:

First	$10,000.00	premium	$10.00	per	$1,000.00
Next	40,000.00	"	5.00	"	1,000.00
"	50,000.00	"	3.00	"	1,000.00
"	100,000.00	"	2.00	"	1,000.00
"	200,000.00	"	1.00	"	1,000.00

"Participation in this group plan is optional. However, may we point out that, where the group plan is not adopted, and bonds are obtained elsewhere, the premium rates may be higher.

"Dominion of Canada or Province of Ontario bearer securities may be submitted in lieu of the above plan.

"Will you kindly advise this Department at your earliest convenience as to your arrangements in this regard."

Q. This draft is marked "Approved" and bears the signature under "Approved" of J. D. Millar; is that your signature, approving that draft, Mr. Millar?

A. It is, sir. I take full responsibility for that letter.

EXHIBIT No. 5: Draft of Document just read by Mr. Blackwell.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): May I question the witness for a moment now?

THE CHAIRMAN: Each member will have an opportunity to cross-examine.

MR. HEPBURN: At this point?

MR. BLACKWELL: No. I think, if I might suggest, you let me put in the whole story. I see you are making your notes, and I assure you that any hon. member of the committee will be entitled to put any question he wishes, later on.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I think, in order to keep the continuity right—this is a long story—we should be able to question the witness at this moment.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will have to rule that the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) can go ahead with his examination, because to allow any hon. member to interrupt—

MR. HEPBURN: I want to appeal against your ruling.

MR. BLACKWELL: All I have to say about this, Mr. Chairman, is that I think the continuity of the matter will be perhaps much better kept, and it will be much more intelligible to the hon. members of the committee if I continue to take the responsibility of putting this evidence in, in sequence, to appoint where I am able to do so, together with the Departmental records, which are produced by the officials and then if there appears to be any gaps of any kind, either by way of direct evidence, or by way of cross-examination of this witness—or any other witness—that should be open to any hon. member of the Committee.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Mr. Chairman, as a lawyer, I am trying to agree in theory with what the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) says, but I know that most of the hon. members on this Committee are not lawyers.

This story may take a long time. I have no idea how long the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) is going to be, in what you might call the "examination-in chief", but the circumstances being what they are, and being very difficult for a great many people to retain in a continuous order, all the points on which they would like you to cross-examine the witness, I think that some latitude should be allowed, and if we have reached a point where the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn), or anybody else, wants to ask some questions, I think they should be permitted so to do. Some of the hon. members of this committee are experienced counsel, and I think that should be taken into account, also.

THE CHAIRMAN: I appreciate the difficulty there, but it does seem to me that may be far more orderly, and if I were in the hon. Attorney-General's (Mr. Blackwell) position, I would probably say what he did, but at the same time, I do not think it is really fair to those who are trying to go back to the hon. Attorney-General's (Mr. Blackwell) questions, and I do not know whether it is fair, under the circumstances, because we do not know how far we will get on this end of it. I do not feel disposed to permit the Government to put in this morning all the facts from the Government's side only, and perhaps not have an opportunity to put in the other side later.

MR. BLACKWELL: May I put it this way to the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Jolliffe), because there is some reason in what he says? May I make this suggestion? I am sure it will commend itself to you. I have just now introduced a certain letter. Now, I think I should be able to produce the evidence on that letter, before other questions are asked. Surely I should be able to fully identify the letter.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Yes, I would agree with the hon. Attorney-General (indicating Mr. Blackwell), that he should be permitted to complete the subject with which he is dealing, but I do suggest that before he leaves that subject and proceeds with a new chapter, questions should be permitted.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I agree entirely with the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Jolliffe), and if the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) will give me assurance that he will not go beyond that letter, in his examination-in-chief, without allowing me to direct a few questions, I will withdraw my objection.

MR. BLACKWELL: I will go further than that to meet what I said to the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Joliffe). I will read this letter to the—

MR. HEPBURN: No, I object. If you are through with this letter, I want to ask some questions.

MR. BLACKWELL: If you will listen to me with a little more patience, I will make myself clear. If the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) wants to ask any questions about any of the previous exhibits, before we pass on and get too far behind, I will afford him the opportunity, before I finish.

MR. NIXON: I want to ask the Hon. Attorney-General, (Mr. Blackwell) a question: The letter of August 11st, which went out to McManus; there was some suggestion that other letters went out to other collectors. What is there to show that, and to show how many, and to whom they went?

MR. BLACKWELL: I thought it was clear we could not proceed further until we brought Mr. Strong here, who purported to sign it. I have asked the hon. Provincial Treasurer (Mr. Frost) if he would arrange to have them appear before the committee.

HON. LESLIE M. FROST (Provincial Treasurer): Mr. Strong is here.

MR. BLACKWELL: I will undertake to call Mr. Strong next, so that the hon. Member from Brant (Mr. Nixon) will have the opportunity of putting any questions to him.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I am not a lawyer; I am a farmer, and I am under a terrific handicap matching wits with a man like the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) but before this letter is filed I want the opportunity of questioning this witness, and I think that is only fair.

THE CHAIRMAN: You will have the opportunity, Mr. Hepburn. Let us get on.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): The Government will proceed to get out all its side of the story, without any of us having a say in the matter.

MR. BLACKWELL: I was endeavouring to impress that, on the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Jolliffe), by reason of the fact that there may be a considerable number of documents, and if the hon. members want to ask certain questions before I attempt to go further, I have now adopted what I thought was the better way to settle the differences between us. The hon. member for Brant (Mr. Nixon) has availed himself of it, and may ask any question at this stage on anything that has been introduced here, prior to this draft letter of the 6th.

MR. CASSELMAN: I think it would be better if the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) would finish the letter, and then if we drop back to Numbers 1, 2 and 3, deal with them, and from now on, deal with each exhibit as it comes up.

MR. BLACKWELL: All right, I will accept that suggestion. I want to conduct—

MR. CASSELMAN: I think it is unfair to Mr. Millar to stop here and go back over the other letters before we finish this.

MR. BLACKWELL: All right. I will proceed as it seems to be acceptable to the committee. I will deal with the letter of April 6th, that is the draft letter which is now marked Exhibit No. 5.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. I will ask you, Mr. Millar, in view of the fact that this

is a draft, are you able to swear whether or not an actual letter, of which this was a draft, went to any oil company?

A. Yes.

Q. You are?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. To what oil company or companies did it go?

A. If I may refer to my notes?

Q. Yes?

A. On April 6th, 1944, a draft letter was sent to the following companies:

The British American Oil Co. Ltd.—

MR. BELANGER: Q. You mean a letter—not the draft?

A. The original, based on this draft.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Is that April 6th, or April 11th?

MR. BLACKWELL: He said April 6th.

THE WITNESS: On April 6th, that letter was forwarded to the British American Oil Company, the Canadian Oil Companies Ltd., the Crown-Dominion Oil Co. Ltd., and the Goderich Refining Co. Ltd.

On April 11th, the same letter was sent to the Imperial Oil Limited, the Joy Oil Company Ltd., the McColl-Frontenac Oil Co. Ltd., the McManus Petroleum Co. Ltd., the Shell Oil Co. Ltd., the Sun Oil Company, Ltd., and the Supertest Petroleum Corp. Ltd.

Those are the Companies, sir, to which that letter was directed on the dates given.

The draft was prepared on April 6th; four of the letters went out on that date, and seven letters went out on April 11th.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Now, Mr. Millar, I want to refer to a letter, the first paragraph of which says, as approved by you:

"I have been instructed by the Minister of Highways to advise you that, in accordance with the Gasoline Tax Collector's Articles of Agreement, your Company is required to furnish this Department with a bond for $..... to assure payment of your collections of the Ontario Gasoline Tax."

And then the letter goes on with the particulars. What instructions did you,

as Deputy Minister, receive from the hon. Minister of Highways, with relation to the material in this letter?

A. The instructions, according to the paragraph you have just read.

My instructions from the Minister were that the bonds be furnished in accordance with that letter previously exhibited—that all companies had to have a bond, which had to be 80 per cent of their maximum month's collection.

Q. Did you receive any instructions from the Minister of Highways as to the details of bond transactions through one source, namely, A. E. Wilson Company Limited?

A. None whatever. That was done entirely on my own instructions, and by my officials.

As you may have noticed, sir, the letter from the Minister advises the instructions were urgent, and that this was to be done as soon as possible, and I was endeavouring to carry out those instructions by approaching a bond company, or a company who could give us advice as to whether a blanket bond could be obtained.

The balance of that letter was entirely on my instructions, from me to Mr. Robinson.

Q. It is quite clear to me, if I understand you rightly, there were no instructions received by you as Deputy Minister of Highways, either as to the type of transactions, or as to the firm you were to approach as one source.

A. Absolutely none, sir.

Q. Now, as a result of this letter going out, did you receive any reaction, from any of the people to whom it was addressed?

A. There was reaction, sir, to the request that they all file a bond, and following receipt of this letter, a delegation, I understand, of companies interviewed the Minister of Highways, asking that these orders be rescinded, or that some other arrangement be undertaken.

Q. Did any of these people, to whom the letters were addressed, contact you?

A. Personally, sir, no, but I was advised by Mr. Robinson, the Chief Tax Inspector, that one of the companies had asked regarding the letter—

Q. We will call him. You cannot give evidence as to what he said.

A. No.

Q. You mentioned a delegation from the oil companies which saw the Minister of Highways; were you present in the Minister's office, when that delegation appeared?

A. No, I was not.

MR. BLACKWELL: Now, Mr. Chairman, I wish to put in evidence with the present witness, but I feel in relation to this particular letter that at this point the hon. members of the committee should be permitted to ask questions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hepburn, have you any questions?

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Yes. Inasmuch, Mr. Chairman, as I had nothing to do with Mr. Millar, and in view of the fact that you will call Mr. Robinson, whom I did contact, in connection with this matter, I prefer to examine him.

MR. BLACKWELL: Quite so, but you apparently were very anxious—

MR. HEPBURN: Inasmuch as you indicated you would call Mr. Robinson, who was the man with whom I discussed this matter, I would prefer to question him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions any hon. member of the Committee would like to ask? I want you to feel free to ask any questions you want to, within the limits of reason.

MR. LEAVENS (Woodbine): Q. When this letter was sent out, with the opening paragraph, "I am instructed by the Minister"—did the Deputy Minister know that unless the second part of the letter were separated, the instruction of the Minister would be followed all through the letter?—

MR. BLACKWELL: That is a speech, Mr. Leavens. I think if you want to bring out any point, you should ask a specific question.

MR. LEAVENS: It was not a speech; it was a direct question.

MR. BLACKWELL: There might be a difference of opinion about that.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): I have a copy of the letter that went out:

"I have been instructed by the Minister of Highways to advise you that, in accordance with the Gasoline Tax Collector's Articles of Agreement, your company is required to furnish this Department with a bond for $..... to assure payment of your collections of the Ontario Gasoline Tax.

"The Department has just completed negotiations with regard to the matter of premium charges. Satisfactory arrangements and underwriting conditions have been made available by an understanding that all collectors' bonds be handled through one source. To this end, arrangements have been made with the A. E. Wilson Company Limited, Lumsden Building, Toronto, at the following rates:"

HON. MR. DOUCETT: No, kindly read all the letter.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): All right:

"The Department has just completed negotiations with regard to the matter of premium charges. Satisfactory arrangements and underwriting conditions have been made available by an understanding that all collectors' bonds be handled through one source."

Now, the point it—

MR. DOUCETT: No, read the rest of the letter.

MR. HEPBURN: Just keep quiet a minute. Then it follows on:

"To this end, arrangements have been made with the A. E. Wilson Company Limited, Lumsden Building, Toronto, at the following rates:"

The point I want to make and the question I want to ask the Deputy Minister is, is that not rather an intimation, following the words, "I have been instructed by the Minister", that the bonds be placed with the A. E. Wilson Company?

MR. BLACKWELL: The Deputy Minister has already sworn that. You have had an answer to that. He has sworn that the instructions from the Minister related entirely to the necessity of having a surety bond and he has sworn that as far as making the arrangements, or the machinery of the transaction,—

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Did you ever hear the old adage, "A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse"?

MR. BLACKWELL: That may be. If you are going to argue—

MR. BELANGER: You cannot argue after that.

MR. CASSELMAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a few words before the Deputy Minister leaves the floor. I think it is very important that you get order, with the Government members, as well as all other hon. members. The position we are in here—we want to get to the bottom of this. We want to be most fair to the Deputy Minister of Highways in every way, shape and form, and to every other employee of the Government, because, after all, they have to do as the Minister tells them. I do not want to make any reference to that, and anything I say is not directed against any hon. member, or any Deputy Minister, or anybody else, but I want to get, as far as I am concerned, all the information we can. We are not interested in the political manoeuvres of either political party, this party or any other party.

Mr. Millar said he had none whatever; those were the words he used when he said he had no intimation from the Minister of Highways as to where this insurance should be placed. I would like to ask one question with reference to the A. E. Wilson Company.

MR. CASSELMAN: Q. Were any companies solicited for this business?

A. It was not a matter of "Soliciting for business". The Department was seeking advice as to whether a bond could be obtained, and we went to the first

Company—I, myself, approached the A. E. Wilson Company for advice as to whether a blanket bond could be developed which would be satisfactory to the underwriters association, and to the major oil companies, who had protested to the Minister of Highways that they could not get a bond, and had asked the Department to negotiate and see if such a bond were possible.

Q. Is the A. E. Wilson Company the only Company dealing in that kind of insurance, in great amounts?

A. I cannot say. I know they are in the business.

Q. That was the only one that you asked?

A. Yes.

MR. LEAVENS: Mr. Chairman, on the point of order; I ask the question through the Chairman. I did not know that the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) is the Chairman—

THE CHAIRMAN: I can assure you that the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell) is not the Chairman. I am the Chairman, and as far as the Government members are concerned, they will be subject to the same rules as the members of all other groups. I want that distinctly and clearly understood, before we go any further. There is no reason why we cannot get along nicely on this Committee, without these innuendoes, and all the rest of it, and it is high time to get down to business. Now put your questions to the witness.

MR. LEAVENS: Q. Did you not know, when that letter was written, that the first paragraph, worded as it was,—that it would be inferred all through the letter, that it was on the instructions of the Minister?

THE CHAIRMAN: Your question is entirely out of order, because it is asking this witness to give an opinion of what somebody else would take to be the meaning of that letter. This witness cannot answer that.

MR. CASSELMAN: May I ask one more question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. CASSELMAN: If this letter was not written in one paragraph, but there are several distinct paragraphs—

MR. BLACKWELL: Probably I had better hold the letter up, so the committee can visualize it and see the form of its structure.

The first paragraph relates to the instructions on a particular question, that of having a bond.

Then the next paragraph deals with premium charges, in order to develop an agreement, which is then set down in a paragraph by itself.

Then the fourth little paragraph "Participation is optional", and some possible effect on the premium charges.

Then the next little paragraph simply says that Dominion of Canada or Province of Ontario bearer securities are acceptable.

And the final paragraph "Will you kindly advise this Department at your earliest convenience as to your arrangements in this regard."

MR. CASSELMAN: I would assume that each paragraph dealt with a different subject.

MR. BLACKWELL: I do not think it is proper for me to comment, while evidence is being taken.

MR. BELANGER: Q. Do we understand that you contacted the Wilson Company after the delegation of the oil merchants came to see the Minister?

A. That is correct.

Q. That is what I understand?

A. Yes.

Q. So that is correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any interview between the Minister and yourself as to that delegation, and their objections, before you contacted the Wilson Company?

A. From memory, I cannot say. I do not recall any conversation.

Q. Did we not understand you to say that at that delegation they objected that they could not get a bond?

A. They objected to the fact—if I might explain—that bonds in large amounts—the cost was very steep, and they asked if it was possible to get blanket coverage, some form of an arrangement which would allow them to get large bonds and small bonds, under a lower rate.

Q. Would it be right to understand that that objection was made to the Minister by the delegation?

A. The objection was to the companies being asked for bonds in large amounts.

Q. That is right, but was that objection made to the Minister, when they came as a delegation?

A. That is correct.

Q. How did you come to know that the objection was made? Was it not through the Minister? Did he not call you in, after the delegation left, and tell you what took place?

A. Yes, I had a discussion, I remember, with the Minister. I cannot recall any definite conversation along those lines. I was not present myself.

Q. But what took place between the Minister and yourself was as to what took place between the delegation and the Minister? Is that fair?

A. No, I cannot recall there was any discussion along those lines.

Q. Where did you learn that an objection had been made to the Minister as to the price of the bond?

A. The objection—if I may go back a little further—has been in effect for many years. The companies had objected for many years to presenting a blanket bond.

Q. Is this a mere surmise on your part, or was it discussed between the Minister and the delegation, or do you know? Or was it told to you what had been the subject of the discussion between the Minister and the delegation?

A. I would say it was a surmise on my part.

Q. And as the result of that surmise, without any more ado, you suggest now that is the only company who would advise you as to the blanket insurance, or the blanket bond?

A. We set out as a Department—myself and my officials—to find some plan which would be worked out whereby blanket coverage could be handled.

Q. I want to make everything clear. You stated that was after the delegation came to see the Minister?

A. That is correct.

Q. And your knowledge was of something prior to the delegation, without any reference to what took place between the delegation and the Minister?

A. I do not quite follow your question.

Q. I will put it this way. You say you went to the Wilson Company because of the objections of the oil merchants?

A. That is correct.

Q. That they could not get a bond on favourable terms?

A. That is right.

Q. Now, with knowledge of that objection, which sent you to the Wilson people, I would like to know if it was not as a result of what the Minister told you, that there was the objection from the delegation—or how did you know?

A. That was quite possibly so. I cannot recall my definite conversation to

that effect, but in the course of our dealing with a thousand and one subjects, in the course of a week, it is quite possible that the Minister had mentioned to me that the companies were objecting.

Q. Your very reasonable surmise at the present time is like ours, that after the delegation had seen the Minister, and put the objection before him, it would be very natural to say to his Chief Administrator of his Department, "Here is an objection raised by the oil merchants"?

A. That is correct.

Q. Now, as the result of that knowledge, that there had been that objection by the delegation, you went to the Wilson Company?

A. I personally did not, but on my instructions, one of the members of the Department did request information.

Q. Now, to get a clear picture of this, what determined choice of that particular company, when there are so many others? Did you yourself think of that, or was it a thought by some of your employees?

A. I could only know that by knowing through my contact with the Municipal Roads Branch of the Department, that the A. E. Wilson Company was in the business of bonding in large and small amounts. I could probably explain that by saying we would make the same choice, if we had to deal with several engineering firms, for advice. We could not deal with them all.

Q. Then we are at this point, that the Wilson Company gave you advice that such a blanket bonding was possible—you went to them for advice, and they gave it to you—am I right up to there?

A. Yes.

Q. Then was there any effort made to go to any other bonding company to get their terms, the same as the Wilson Company?

A. I might explain that by saying that the A. E. Wilson Company had approached the underwriters association, and had obtained their approval of the plan, which was submitted, which would have to be done by any other Company, so for that reason, I did not deem it necessary to go to any other company to take their advice.

MR. HEPBURN: There is no such thing as competition.

MR. BLACKWELL: That does not follow.

MR. BELANGER: Q. Do you know that the Wilson Company went to the underwriters to get approval of their plan, as the result of bonding, and the Department would be deducting monies of the members who were underwriters?

A. I cannot answer that question.

Q. It does not go that far?

A. No.

Q. I thought you practically suggested that?

A. No.

Q. I was wrong?

A. Yes.

Q. So up to now, we are simply dealing with the Wilson Company, as far as your Department is concerned?

A. Yes.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Deputy Minister a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Q. We have in evidence a memorandum of an earlier date, suggesting that certain companies which have given their own bonds, should be requested to produce a different type of bond. Now, the first question I want to ask is this: Prior to that, had any bond been furnished by the Gasoline Tax Collectors?

A. Oh yes, many.

Q. Had they all been furnished through the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. From my knowledge, none of them had. I speak from memory there, but as far as I know, none of them had.

Q. Were you aware that other firms had engaged in the business of bonding tax collectors?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. You were aware of that?

A. Yes.

Q. Did it occur to you that some of them might be consulted about the new plan?

A. I might put it this way, that of the bonding companies holding various bonds for any collectors, there were not many companies to my knowledge who were in a position to hold a blanket bond that size, which would be acceptable to the major companies.

Q. But you did not make any inquiries?

A. I did not.

Q. In your conversation with the Minister, was the name of the A. E. Wilson Company mentioned?

A. It was never mentioned.

Q. In your conversation—

A. In no conversation with the Minister was the A. E. Wilson Company mentioned.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. You just said that no bond insurance was placed with the Wilson Company, so far as your Department is concerned?

A. As far as I am aware, from memory.

Q. Supposing everybody had followed the instructions—and I use that term, although it may be objectionable to some—how much money was involved? I think it was said that some $2,200,000.00 would be required, and all this would be taken from the other bonding companies and handed to the A. E.Wilson Company? That was the effect of your negotiations?

A. No, we were only dealing with about ten or twelve major companies, who had not supplied a bond. We had many such bonds with the Department. But there were companies which we felt—and which I as Deputy Minister recommended—did not have a suitable bond—so that it was just the major companies with whom we were dealing.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Mr. Chairman, I have definite information that the amount of the bonds involved, had all the business been turned over to the A. E. Wilson Company—the only company with which the Deputy Minister established a contact—would be $2,139,000.00—

MR. BLACKWELL: That is not evidence—

THE CHAIRMAN: That is a matter which will have to be proved. You can ask this witness if that amount is correct, to his knowledge, or not.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. Is that amount correct?

A. The amount which you quote there, I believe, is the figure answered in the question to the House as to the amount of bonds in effect. That would not be the amount involved in this blanket bond which this Department was endeavouring to get from the oil company.

Q. In order to keep the record straight; I raised objection in the House, as you know, and here are my very words:

"Before the Orders of the Day are called, I rise on a point of order;

there was a question asked by the hon. member for Perth (Mr. Dickson) as follows:

'Has the Minister of Highways issued directions asking that all gasoline tax collector's bonds be handled through one source?

2. If so, what was the "one source"?

3. What is the total amount of bonds required from gasoline tax collectors'."

The answers are as follows:

"To Number 1—No."
"To Number 2—No."
"To Number 3—The total amount of bonds involved is $2,139,000.00."

MR. HEPBURN: Q. Now, you say that the Wilson Company did not enjoy any of this business, but as the result of the arrangements which you made on your own, all this business would be turned over to the A. E. Wilson Company?

MR. BLACKWELL: No, he said just the opposite to that.

THE WITNESS: My answer to that is, "No".

MR. BELANGER: Q. To illustrate that very point, which I think is important, how much of the bonds which are held by the Gasoline Collection Department—how much of that amount is held by the Wilson people?

A. To my knowledge, sir, none of it.

Q. How do you mean—

MR. BLACKWELL: He means none.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): The company refused to follow the instructions.

MR. BELANGER: Q. How much was involved when you went to the Wilson people? What was the amount of the bonds involved?

A. Off-hand, I cannot answer that question. It would be a fraction of the figure which has been quoted just a few minutes ago. That is the total figure of the bonds which are held now.

Q. Was the amount mentioned between you and the Wilson people? Did you mention to the Wilson people the amount of the blanket bond, that you wanted?

A. No total amount was mentioned, to my knowledge. We were asking for what might be called a "sliding scale", whereby a larger amount would carry a lower premium rate, than a smaller amount. That was what the oil companies had asked us to negotiate for, and to enquire if it could be done.

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin): The Deputy Minister has indicated that there was no understanding that this huge total of $2,139,000.00 worth of business was placed with the Wilson company, and I would refer to a letter to Mr. J. P. Robinson, which says:

> "Satisfactory arrangements and under-writing conditions have been made available by an understanding that all collectors' bonds be handled through one source.
>
> To this end, arrangements have been made with the A. E. Wilson Company Limited, Lumsden Building, Toronto."—

Now, my other question—

The Chairman: I think, in fairness to the witness, Mr. Hepburn, you should read paragraph 3 of that letter.

Mr. Belanger: He is not bound to read that letter. He can question on one paragraph.

The Chairman: I quite agree. He can ask the witness questions.

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin): I am asking the Deputy Minister to clarify his own words, which say:

> "Satisfactory arrangements and under-writing conditions have been made available by an understanding that all collectors' bonds be handled through one source."

And the A. E. Wilson Company is mentioned, and a scale of rates is quoted.

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin): Q. Did you understand that all this business be placed with the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. Absolutely not.

Q. What do you mean when you say that "all collectors' bonds be handled through one source, and to this end arrangements have been made with the A. E. Wilson Company"—I think we understand English, and I think the other hon. members do.

Mr. Blackwell: Why not give the witness an opportunity to answer?

The Witness: I can only explain that by the latter part of the letter which was written, in which it says that:

> "Participation in this group plan is optional."

It was entirely my understanding to say that these arrangements were acceptable, if they could be carried out, but it was never my intention to say that the company would have to take bonds with that company.

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin): Now, it is true, it says,

"Participation is optional."

But here is the qualifying clause:

"However, may we point out that where the group plan is not adopted, and bonds are obtained elsewhere, the premium rates may be higher"—

Mr. Blackwell: Q. I understand, Mr. Millar, that when this letter was written, there was a substantial number of gasoline bonds in existence, with regard to small collectors?

A. That is correct.

Q. And at the time the letter was written, it was the larger collectors who were only on their personal bonds—that is, they had neither put up a bond with a bonding company, nor securities? Would that be right?

A. That is right.

Q. Now, was this letter written to any of the small collectors who were already bonded?

A. No, sir, it was only written to these ten companies—

Q. Was it intended that these little people, who were already bonded, be brought in under this proposed scheme?

A. No, sir.

Q. I take it from that, it was intended their bonds would be left in existence, but this was the scheme which related only to the large unbonded companies?

Mr. Hepburn (Elgin): Now, Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Blackwell: I am really trying to clear this matter up.

Mr. Blackwell: Q. I gather from your evidence, that your intention was to develop a scheme to bond the large companies?

A. That is right.

Q. And to leave the little companies exactly where they stood?

A. That is right.

Mr. Belanger: Q. Very well. Now that brings us to my question. From the records you have with you, can you give us the list of the amounts of these larger companies who were to be bonded, and to whom you sent that letter?

A. I can give you that, sir,—the amount of bond which they would have,

if they had one. I could give you a statement as to whether they had personal letters filed with the Department, and I can give you the amount recommended.

Q. I want the amount you are requesting or requiring from these larger oil companies?

A. I have not it immediately; I can get it.

Q. You could get it?

A. Yes.

MR. BELANGER: I pray you do.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. I still say that the order passed by the House requires certain papers to be tabled, and that order has not been complied with. The Deputy Minister said that on the 6th of April, 1944, a number of letters went out to various companies indicating they were required to place their bonds, and fixing the amount.

On April 11th, another batch of letters went out, so to speak—

A. The same letters.

Q. But to other companies?

A. That is right.

Q. What I want is copies of all these letters—

MR. BLACKWELL: You have got them.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): They have not been tabled.

MR. BLACKWELL: It is the same letter.

MR. NIXON: They must at least have a different address on the top of them.

MR. BLACKWELL: Not on the copy.

MR. BELANGER: There is something which is very important in the material in connection with that: It was stated in the copy which was read to us, and was put in the House, that there is a big blank there, and that is most important, because that is the amount of the bond. Here is one:

> "I have been instructed by the Minister of Highways to advise you that, in accordance with the gasoline tax collectors' articles of agreement, your company is required to furnish this Department with a bond for"—

And then a blank—

> "To assure payment of your collection of the Ontario Gasoline Tax."

And then there is one here, I think in the amount of $45,000.00, and another

company with another amount, and another company with another amount, and by adding them together, then we will know the answer to the question I am asking.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understood the witness to say he would produce that material.

MR. BELANGER: I want to say that the objection that was raised had certain merit—and which has been tried to be lived down—I think it was most well-taken, because my own opinion of this is the amount for which these companies would be bonded was never put on the table, and was never tabled by the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett). So that the objection at the very start of this inquiry, and which they tried to make slight of, was very important.

THE CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) withdrew his objection.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Yes, but I was afraid to proceed, I want the facts that were mentioned by the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Belanger) to be brought before this House, and accordingly I moved a motion that there be laid before this House a return, showing copies of all letters written by officials of the Department of Highways to any collectors of gasoline taxes in Ontario suggesting that their bonds be handled through one source.

That may have been by circular letters, or be differentiated, in this respect, that they were addressed to different people and the amounts of the different bonds fixed.

Now, Mr. Chairman, having arrived at this point of not having this information, I now move the Committee adjourn until these papers are tabled in the House, together with a certificate from the Department.

MR. BLACKWELL: This is not evidence. This is argument—

MR. BELANGER: You can always move the adjournment.

MR. BLACKWELL: I have not questioned your right to make any motion here you see fit, but you have made a motion, and that motion is now under discussion. There was argument which led to this discussion, so I presume I may make some argument about it.

The situation is rather a simple one. I am extremely doubtful, but we can only find out from the witness—if an adjournment would produce any more letters, because these letters are what was asked for. We have provided the form letters, and it may be—I do not know—that the Departmental records has one copy of the draft as approved with the amount left blank, and that the copies of the letter were sent to this group of big oil companies, and the amounts were filled in in the separate copies which went to the different oil companies.

Now, the witness has said that these amounts are known to the Department, and the Department will have a schedule of them, presumably, and they will be made available. So to clear this up, I will ask the Deputy Minister if there are

individual copies on the files in the Department of letters which went to this group of people?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Are they individual copies?

A. Yes.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): They have not been tabled.

MR. BLACKWELL: I am asking if they exist, and if they do, they should be produced, I quite agree.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Thank you.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Are there copies?

A. Yes, sir.

MR. BLACKWELL: They should certainly be produced.

MR. HEPBURN: I move the adjournment until the order has been complied with, until the Deputy Minister tables all letters, and certifies that they are all the letters involved.

MR. DENNISON (St. David): Mr. Chairman, we need not necessarily adjourn this meeting. We can make the motion that the Deputy Minister now send for these letters.

MR. BELANGER: No, Mr. Chairman—

THE CHAIRMAN: Order.

MR. DENNISON: Just let me finish. There may be other questions that other hon. members have, which should be answered here before we adjourn this meeting. It seems to me that we are here to get the facts, and we should make a motion regarding the production of these papers, apart from the adjournment of the meeting.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): There is a motion before the House and that motion has not been complied with.

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that at the time that motion was not pressed, when the statement was made, let me make this perfectly clear; there was a copy, which according to the evidence given by this witness, is a copy of a form letter sent to every one of the oil companies mentioned. These oil companies are set out in the information in the statement presented to the Legislature the other day. The witnesses from the Department, who are available, can give right here the figures that are available, and there will be no reason for delay, except an unwillingness to go ahead and get the facts.

MR. CASSELMAN: I wish to say, Mr. Chairman, that a motion to adjourn is not debatable, and I think we should go ahead with this question. One of the chief arguments—

MR. BELANGER: Mr. Chairman—

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a moment. There is a motion to adjourn before the Committee.

MR. BELANGER: I second that motion. May I say this, that even if the material was available to this Committee, this Committee is not the House. There are a large number of hon. members in the House who are interested, but who are not on this Committee, and when the production was asked of all letters, it was a production to all the hon. members of the House, and even if the thing is produced here, to a few of the hon. members of the House, it will not satisfy the order of the House. How can this Committee take upon itself the responsibility of over-stepping the orders of the House?

The order of the House is very definite that all correspondence be produced, and that should be accompanied by a certificate by the Minister of the Department stating that all the correspondence had been produced, not to this Committee, and not for this Committee, but to the House, on an order of the House. How can we take upon ourselves to cancel an order of the House? If I were not on this Committee, but were a member of the House, I would resent it indeed, that any member of this Committee could simply do away with a definite order of the House, which should have been answered in the proper way. So, Mr. Chairman, I say, let the order of the House be answered before we proceed.

MR. BLACKWELL: I will ask the Committee to vote against this motion to adjourn, and I will give you the most simple possible reason why you should so vote.

Here is the situation. May I say for those members of the Committee who are not lawyers, that in every legal procedure, when there is to be a trial, there is what is called an "affidavit of production", and the parties are supposed to take affidavits which indicate that all documents are made available.

Now, the fact is there are technical errors in this, the same as there may be technical errors here, but trials proceed notwithstanding, and I suggest the Committee proceed, notwithstanding.

The simple situation is this: The Deputy Minister of Highways said these letters could be produced in twenty minutes, and so, in the meantime, the Committee could have laid before it precisely the same information which will be in these letters.

Here is the situation: There is one draft letter, and the only difference is the difference in the amount. The Deputy Minister is in a position to give all the amounts that are in the letters, and when the letters get here, they will correspond with the evidence that has been given, and we can surely proceed under those circumstances.

MR. BELANGER: If a different tone had been used by the hon. Prime Minister in his imputation of motives to us on this very important matter, then perhaps we would not stand so much on our rights, especially the rights of the House, but I think there is bound to be a reaction to the way in which he has been bullying this Committee, and accusing us of undue motives, on some of us.

MR. BLACKWELL: You do not sound very "bullied".

MR. BELANGER: Such a reaction might not occur if these things had been said by a "back bencher", but not by the Leader of the House, the Leader of the procedure in the House, and the Leader of the Government of this province of Ontario, and I will resent that kind of speech every time it is made, and there are others here who will resent it every time it is made.

HON. GEORGE A. DREW (Prime Minister): Mr. Chairman, I am quite happy to have the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Belanger) resent anything he likes, but my remarks were directed to Mr. Hepburn, and Mr. Hepburn alone. I was not surprised that he was identifying himself completely with everything that Mr. Hepburn said or presented to this Committee.

Now the facts are immediately available. You have the letters; the figures are available. When the figures are produced, if they change the evidence, it may then be changed, but that is no reason why we cannot proceed and get all the basic information you want to have, and do it here and now.

MR. BELANGER: That is a much better tone.

MR. CASSELMAN: I would like to speak on the motion to say that I am going to support the hon. Attorney-General (Mr. Blackwell), and I am going to support Mr. Belanger in his demand that all letters be tabled in the House.

MR. BLACKWELL: We undertake that. Then, we shall proceed now, and I will undertake to ask the Deputy Minister to send for the letters, and they will be produced in due course.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): In order to keep the record straight, I want to repeat the thing which took place at the opening of this Session.

You will recall that I raised objections, because the resolution which became a notice of motion was passed by the House, and had not been complied with. In other words, I said these letters had not been tabled.

Early this morning I called the Clerk of the House who confirmed what I had in mind that the Government had not tabled, and he said they were, and he has come down here and misled this Committee by saying that such letters had been tabled.

Now, we arrive at a point where we find they were not. I place my veracity against that of the Clerk of the House, who said the letters were tabled.

MR. A. A. MACLEOD (Bellwoods): Mr. Chairman, this is a very simple question, as I understand it—

MR. ANDERSON (Port Arthur): Is this debatable?

MR. MACLEOD: Just a moment. I was about to put this to the Chairman, that it is my understanding that a motion for adjournment is not debatable, and everything that you have said is quite beside the point.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not want to choke off discussion, but I am putting the question now. You have heard the motion that this meeting adjourn. What is your pleasure?

Yeas: 15

Nays: 24

THE CHAIRMAN: I declare the motion lost.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Then, Mr. Chairman, I want to ask another question of the Deputy Minister. He said he went to A. E. Wilson Company, following certain representations which were made to the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett) by gasoline vendors who claimed they could not get the right kind of group insurance. He further stated he had no recollection of any conversation between the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) and himself, at which time he was informed as to what had transpired between the delegation and the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett).

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. Am I right in that?

A. I do not recollect making the statement in reply to Col. Belanger.

MR. BLACKWELL: "Colonel" Belanger?

MR. BELANGER: I am being demoted.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. I do recall that you said you only assumed what has taken place?

MR. BELANGER: "Surmised".

THE WITNESS: I cannot recall any exact conversations in between those dates.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. You do not recall any conversation between the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) and yourself after he had received a delegation which complained about its inability to get certain kinds of bonds? You cannot recall any conversation between the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) and yourself, and you only assumed what had taken place, and on that assumption you went out and made contact with A. E. Wilson, because we all know there are innumerable companies doing a similar kind of insurance business, and what we are asked to believe is that although the Deputy Minister had no conversation with the hon. Minister, who received the delegation, he went out and did the very thing they asked for, and limited his solicitations to one company and one company alone? Are we asked to believe that?

A. Could I have that question again, please?

——Question read.

THE WITNESS: My answer would be, that I limited the request for advice to one company alone.

MR. ROBERTS (St. Patrick): The hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Hepburn) remarked there was something like $2,800,000.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): $2,139,000, according to the report tabled in the House.

MR. ROBERTS: I would like the witness to either confirm this or correct it, if my understanding is wrong, that as far as this letter in question is concerned, it was sent out only to a certain number of people whose bonds were in question for one reason or another?

THE WITNESS: That is right.

MR. ROBERTS: Q. I want to get that clear. I think we cannot get the amount in dollars in the account I have here, but have you the exact amount?

A. Yes.

Q. Could we have that?

A. Could I present to you a complete list of the bonds with the Department, with the amounts requested from the companies mentioned in the letter previously filed?

Q. Could we have a list of the companies to which you wrote, and the right amounts?

MR. NIXON: No, let us have the original list.

MR. BLACKWELL: We will get one, but the witness was asked a question. We will not adjourn—I think he will be prepared to answer it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: Q. Can you give the total of the bonds in question—in detail?

A. Not without adding them up.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Give the totals, and we will add them up?

A. To the British American Oil Company Limited, $200,000.00.
The Canadian Oil Companies Limited, $200,000.00.
The Crown Dominion Oil Company Limited, $75,000.00.
The Goodrich Refining Company Limited, $75,000.00.
The Imperial Oil Company Limited, $250,000.00.
The Joy Oil Company Limited, $10,000.00.
The McColl Frontenac Oil Company Limited, $200,000.00.

The McManus Petroleums Limited, $45,000.00.
The Shell Oil Company of Canada, $200,000.00.
The Sun Oil Company Limited, $100,000.00.
The Supertest Petroleum Corporation Limited, $200,000.00.

Q. I understand that these bonds were in question, and this letter was directed to the persons concerned; is that right?

A. They were not necessarily "in question". Those are the amounts which we asked the companies to file.

In some cases, they had smaller amounts, which we did not feel were sufficient, and in some cases we had personal letters only saying they would make good any shortage on the part of their collectors.

MR. BLACKWELL: That total figures out to be $1,555,000.00.

MR. ROBERTS: Q. Now, then, with regard to the actual bonds which have been placed through A. E. Wilson & Company. I understand you to say to Mr. Belanger—and I want to be perfectly certain about this—that no bonds have been placed through A. E. Wilson & Company?

A. To my knowledge, no.

Q. Up to that date?

A. No.

MR. DENNISON: One question I would like to ask. The $2,100,000.00 refers to this group of smaller bonds that are now placed with the Committee, or to all of them?

MR. BELANGER: No, the whole.

MR. DENNISON: Q. This is the total?

A. Yes. The total of the bonds now in effect would be the answer to the question in the House.

Q. So the larger ones represent $1,555,000.00, and the smaller ones now in effect represent the difference between $1,555,000.00 and $2,100,000.00?

A. Yes, that would be correct.

Q. Now, Mr. Millar, could you tell us how large—first of all; how many firms are these bonds now in existence distributed amongst? Have you that list?

A. That is part of that statement which I just quoted. There is a complete list of the companies which act as collectors for the Department.

MR. BLACKWELL: I think that should be marked as an exhibit now.

EXHIBIT No. 6: Statement as produced and identified by the witness Millar.

MR. DENNISON: Q. Now, would you look at that exhibit and tell us the names of the companies that are involved in the additional $500,000.00?

A. I could name them over here.

Q. Would you name them, please?

A. They are in alphabetical order.

The Anglo-Petroleum Limited, Toronto.
The Argo Petroleum Limited, Leaside—

Q. The names I am referred to are the companies that are providing the bonds for these oil companies.

MR. BLACKWELL: Just to clarify the matter. If that is the information you want, supposing you go through the whole list, including the men whom they get their bonds through.

THE WITNESS: The Anglo Petroleum Limited, bonds are supplied by the Western Assurance Company, Toronto.

The Argo Petroleum Limited, Leaside, bonds are supplied by the Canadian Indemnity Company, $60,000.00.

The Barrett Company Limited, Montreal, through the Canadian General Insurance Company, $5,000.00.

The Booth's Service Stations Limited, Niagara Falls, through the Imperial Guarantee and Accident Company of Canada, $7,000.00.

S. Bricker, Tavistock, the Halifax Insurance Company, $10,000.00.

The British American Oil Company Limited, through the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, $200,000.00.

The Canadian Mineral Spirits Company Limited, through the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, $14,000.00.

The Canadian Oil Companies Limited, Toronto, through the Canadian General Insurance Company, $200,000.00.

The Champlain Oil Products Limited, Montreal, Dominion of Canada Bonds, $20,000.00.

Q. That is deposited as security?

A. Yes, that is deposited as security. We either accept Dominion of Canada Bonds or Province of Ontario Bonds of sufficient coverage.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Or Ontario bonds?

A. Any negotiable security, deposited in our care.

The City Service Oil Company Limited, Toronto, Dominion of Canada Bonds, $100,000.00.

The Conger Lehigh Coal Company Limited, Toronto, through the General Accident Insurance Company, $12,000.00.

The Crown Dominion Oil Company Limited, Hamilton, General Accident Assurance Company, $75,000.00.

H. Demic, Parry Sound, through the London and Lancashire Guarantee Accident Company, $3,000.00.

F. E. Deshaw, Muirkirk, through the London and Lancashire Guarantee Accident Company, $4,000.00.

The Direct Service Stations Limited, Toronto, through the London and Lancashire Guarantee Accident Company, $1,500.00.

The District Services Limited, Sault Ste. Marie, through the London and Lancashire Guarantee Accident Company, $30,000.00.

The Dominion Garage, Oshawa, through the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Limited, $6,500.00.

This list, Mr. Chairman, I have read down to "D"; it goes on alphabetically—

MR. DENNISON: I think that is all I require at the moment.

THE WITNESS: There are another fifty names yet. It would take me twenty minutes to read them off.

MR. DENNISON: The main object of my question was to follow it with others, which I would like to do at the present time.

MR. DENNISON: Q. May I ask this? Did any of the other companies enjoying some of this $500,000.00 worth of business, approach you, Mr. Millar, at any time, and inform you that they would be prepared to provide bonds for the larger companies, and to give you a price?

A. Not to my knowledge.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. Would you say that they did not?

A. To myself, yes, sir; they did not.

Q. No company approached you?

A. No, no company approached me.

MR. DENNISON: Q. As far as you know, did they or did they not approach the hon. Minister?

A. I cannot answer that.

MR. DENNISON: He said, not to his knowledge.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Do you know, or do you not?

A. I do not know, sir.

Q. Did you approach any particular official of the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. Personally, sir, no. I did not contact them. One of my staff contacted the A. E. Wilson Company, and the representatives, I understand, later on came to the office at my insistence, and went over the problem—as to what kind of a bond could be made up. Personally I did not contact nor see any members of the A. E. Wilson Company's firm.

Q. Do you know personally any member of the firm of A. E. Wilson & Company?

A. I do not.

Q. Did you take this member of your staff to interview the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. I did not really ask for that. I asked that the A. E. Wilson Company be approached. I left the details to the staff member, to follow up.

Q. You had no previous connection or business dealings with the A. E. Wilson Company—or the Department?

A. Not to my knowledge. That is my estimate, as senior member of the Department.

Q. Does the A. E. Wilson Company enjoy any of the Fire Insurance business of the Department?

A. Without checking through our records, I cannot say. Off-hand I would answer that I do not believe they do.

Q. Then, after the official in your Department got in contact with this Company, they discussed the whole question between themselves and your official?

A. That is my understanding, sir. I was not present at the meeting with the representative of the A. E. Wilson Company, but in reporting it to me in the normal course of routine of the Department, Mr. Robinson, my Chief Inspector, reported that the A. E. Wilson Company had been contacted and had made the suggestion that a blanket bond was feasible.

Q. Do you know whether the Wilson Company was going to place all these bonds with one insurance company or farm them out to different bonding companies?

A. I cannot say. I presumed they would have to be farmed out, as you say, because I doubt if one company could cover that amount. I cannot answer what the A. E. Wilson Company planned to do. The A. E. Wilson Company assured us that the plan they had was approved by the Under-writers Association, and from that, I would presume that several companies would have to take portions of it.

Q. Could you tell the Committee how much savings would be effected by the plan you have proposed to place the insurance with one company—the A. E. Wilson Company—rather than allow the oil companies to choose their own?

A. I cannot say; the Department does not furnish the bonds. The oil companies have to furnish them, and I cannot say what the saving would be to the oil companies by taking out a bond.

Q. But you did intimate in one of these letters that there would be a saving?

A. It was intimated if they could get a blanket bond it would be cheaper than buying into a bond. Our whole efforts were directed to getting the companies to obtain bonds, which could be done at a reasonable figure.

It was a departmental expenditure; it was the money of the oil companies themselves purchasing these bonds. They protested, that getting a big bond would cost them too much money, and wanted some arrangement whereby they could get a blanket bond at a more reasonable figure. We were only dealing as the negotiators for the oil companies.

Q. You must have had at that time—or did you have at that time—not some idea of the saving that you might be able to effect with these companies?

A. Frankly, we had no record or knowledge of what the bonds cost the companies. All the Department was interested in was getting a bond sufficient to cover their collectors. Some of these companies were collecting three or four hundred thousand dollars, and that was our money, and was being held in their hands for a certain period of time.

Q. Now, therefore, you had no information at the time you wrote that letter—and you have had no information since—as to what saving might be effected by these companies being bonded under a group plan?

A. No, sir.

Q. May I see that Exhibit No. 6?—

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. (Document handed to Mr. Dennison.)

MR. DENNISON: Q. Taking one company at random: Was the Halifax

Insurance Company—for how many years has the Halifax Insurance Company, to your knowledge, been providing a bond for oil companies, for the Department?

A. I cannot answer that; I don't know.

Q. Would it be fair to say that some of the other companies have been providing bonds for five or six or ten years?

A. I would say so.

Q. And in spite of that, you did not ask them if they would be prepared to furnish these larger bonds, involving the additional amount?

A. I did not feel it was necessary. I was asking for advice on the matter of insurance, with which myself and our Department was unfamiliar. I was asking this company to give advice.

Q. I suppose other fire insurance, or any other insurance placed by the Department—it has been the practice in the past, I suppose, to ask several companies to quote prices, and then choose the lowest price?

A. Yes, sir, that is our own premium. This case was not a matter dealing with premiums payable by the Highway Department; it was a matter of premiums payable by the oil companies for bonds, out of their funds.

Q. But in cases where the Department is purchasing insurance, you do ask the companies to bid, and it has been the policy to take the lowest bidder?

A. I can only speak from my knowledge of the Highway Department. We have certain insurance, but there is other insurance.

Q. But in this particular instance, following the letter you wrote to these companies, intimating that they would save money by this agreement, you did not follow that proposal any further by finding out if any other company, outside of the A. E. Wilson Company, would provide better terms, or more suitable arrangements?

A. All I was doing in that letter was pointing out to the companies, that if they bought the bonds under blanket coverage, they could get a lesser rate than individually. That was only a suggestion which they could take advantage of or not. There was no Departmental funds involved—none whatever.

Q. But to take advantage of your proposal it would be necessary for them to buy them through the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. That was the Company with which we made negotiations.

Q. But outside of the intimation in your letter, you had no definite statement of savings to give these companies?

A. No.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. Then, that being the case, why did you say there would be any savings affected, when you now frankly admit that you do not know anything about savings at all?

A. There would be savings affected, but I have no knowledge of the amount.

Q. If you have no knowledge of the amount, how do you know there would as a saving?

A. Because of our statements in the past from companies, which had given us the figures they were paying, and they felt they were paying too high for their bonds; at the regular rate, it was an imposition to ask them to buy them at this rate. I pointed out, if they bought at a blanket rate, they would get them at a reduced rate.

Q. If I remember your evidence correctly, you stated that the rates were approved by the Underwriters' Association, and would be the same if placed in other places?

A. So we were given to understand by the A. E. Wilson Company.

Q. So that is what you were given to understand by the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. Yes.

Q. Now, you say that it is correct, that you made that statement, but in your letter, it said:

> "However, may we point out that, where the group plan is not adopted, and bonds are obtained elsewhere, the premium rates may be higher."

How do you reconcile that?

A. If the company bought some individual bonds, and they were not being bought altogether from A. E. Wilson, but they were buying bonds under a blanket arrangement.

Q. You were not connected directly or indirectly in regard to fixing of the rates?

A. That is right.

Q. Mr. Dennison raised quite an interesting point; why were you so interested in this thing?

A. Because the companies had protested our notice to them that they all had to have a bond.

Q. Did all the companies appear, or was it a group plan?

A. A group representation.

Q. Were they called in, or did they come voluntarily?

A. They came voluntarily.

Q. You say following the interview you had no discussion with the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett); you only surmised what took place, although you did not go directly to the Wilson Company, you singled them out and sent one of your officials in there?

A. As I recall—

Q. Who was the official sent by you to the A. E. Wilson Company?

A. He was not sent. I asked him to call the A. E. Wilson Company into consultation.

Q. He was not sent, but you named the Wilson Company to him?

A. I asked him to contact the A. E. Wilson Company.

Q. You just said he was not sent—

MR. BLACKWELL: That is right. Do not put words into the mouth of the witness.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. If I remember anything correctly, you said an official, whose name you have not mentioned, got in touch with an official of the A. E. Wilson Company, and visited your office; is that right?

A. No, sir. Let me explain that. I gave instructions to my assistant, Mr. J. L. Zoller, to follow up negotiations with the A. E. Wilson Company Limited, which he did by telephone, contacting the company, which started the preliminary arrangement. Later on the arrangements were brought to completion by Mr. Strong who, at that time, was Chief Inspector of gasoline taxes.

Q. Was any official of the A. E. Wilson Company ever in your office?

A. No.

Q. Nor did you see them any place else?

A. No.

Q. It was all done by your official?

A. Yes, correspondence and telephone.

Q. But all on your instructions?

A. Yes.

MR. DENNISON: Q. The amounts involved—for instance, the $200,000.00

for the British American—and so on, and the one of $10,000.00, with the Joy Oil Company—these all represent the amount of business which they do, that is to say, it is all based on 80 percent of their month's collections?

A. It is based on their monthly collections.

If I might explain that; on the 28th of each month the oil companies forward to the Department their collections. Frequently these overlap. They usually have two weeks in last month and the collectors estimate for two weeks into the coming month, so it is possible that a company might have in their possession six weeks collections for a few days, and that is why the placing of the bonds to cover those, that is, for the time when the companies might have our bonds in their possession, and we must recommend what the amount of the bond shall be to cover these collections over that period of time.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Q. Approximately?

A. Approximately, yes. It has to be, because in the summer months their collections are higher, and in the winter-time there is a falling-off.

MR. DENNISON: Q. These are all based on the same two?

A. Yes.

MR. SMITH: Q. Were the rates given by A. E. Wilson Company on a basis of $1,555,000.00 worth of business?

A. No, there was no business mentioned. The A. E. Wilson Company was simply advised as to what the approximate collections were, and the amount for which they would have to be bonded.

Q. The company did not have to participate as a group? They could have gone to any individual company and got the same rate?

A. I presume so; I don't know.

Q. I understand from the letter it suggested that under this group bonding plan, they could get a reduction?

A. That would be also my understanding.

Q. But still there was the possibility they could get the same rate by applying as individuals?

A. I would not say as to that. As indicated in the letter which I approved, if they did get individual coverage, it would likely be greater.

MR. JOLLIFFE: Q. One more question: I think you said, according to the evidence, that the A. E. Wilson Company at least indirectly suggested that the rate had been approved by the Canadian Underwriters' Association?

A. I was given to understand that by the A. E. Wilson Company. I did not check that since we were not involved in the bonding.

Q. The point is you obtained no confirmation from the Underwriters' Association?

A. No.

Q. Then it is a fact that there are a number of companies—so-called "non-tariff" companies—which might conceivably give an even lower rate than one under the Canadian Underwriters' Association?

A. I do not know about that. That is why I contacted the A. E. Wilson Company, because we are not experts.

MR. BELANGER: Q. In all good-will toward you, Mr. Witness, I am afraid there is a conversation which you would not like to have recorded without correction. You just stated that you were also given to understand by the Wilson people that the underwriters had approved. Prior to that, you said you had no contact with the Wilson company, but it was only an employee?

A. I was given to understand from correspondence and telephone calls and my staff, that such was the case.

Q. Oh, there was correspondence?

A. The statement was submitted, I believe.

Q. Is that correspondence amongst the documents tabled before the House?

A. I cannot say.

MR. NIXON: The motion would surely cover that correspondence.

MR. BELANGER: Yes, because it is part of the les geste.

THE WITNESS: Whether it was by correspondence or telephone, I cannot say.

MR. BELANGER: Q. That would be included in the correspondence which was asked to be tabled in the House—

MR. BLACKWELL: That will be developed, if I may say so.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Now, there is just one question to complete the picture. How many companies took advantage of the savings proposed by accepting your suggestion?

A. To my knowledge, none of them did.

Q. Could you give this Committee any reason alleged by them for not accepting these savings?

A. I cannot give any reason. As I say, the matter of providing the bond is for the company, not for the Department.

MR. BELANGER: Q. But still you suggested if they did go to the Wilson Company—as you stated in your letter—not elsewhere—then they would stand to save a lot. Why did they not save that lot? You have no idea why they did not go and take advantage of your suggestion?

A. It was entirely optional on their part.

Q. So we might adduce from this, that it was not so advantageous as you thought it was, because, generally speaking, in connection with a large amount like that—we have this now; that there was objection, and there was a request that these big companies were to furnish their own promises to pay—to furnish bonds; that is the first thing?

A. That is right.

Q. Then they went to the Minister, and protested that the fees were too high?

MR. BLACKWELL: No, that is not what he said.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Let the witness answer it. You checked him up.

MR. BLACKWELL: That is right.

MR. BELANGER: You cannot say I did not understand that. I did understand it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest you address the witness.

MR. BELANGER: Q. The first thing is your request to the companies for bonds?

A. That is right.

Q. And then there is the protest. We have heard that again and again—from the companies, that the premiums to be paid for these big bonds were so high that they objected to them?

A. That is right.

Q. And as the result of that protest, you, through Mr. Robinson—the Department—contacted the Wilson people?

A. The next step is the interview of the representative group of the major oil companies, with the hon. Minister of Highways (Mr. Doucett).

Q. So I was right. My understanding, therefore, was correct that you had stated that the next step was the delegation to the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett)

regarding the high cost of the bonds, which the Department was requiring from them? That would be it?

A. Yes.

Q. As a result of that delegation, what took place between the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) and yourself? You contacted the Wilson people through Mr. Zoller?

A. Yes, Mr. Zoller got in touch with the A. E. Wilson Company.

Q. At your suggestion?

A. Yes.

Q. He would do that "on his own hook"?

A. No.

Q. So, there we are now. Then the Wilson people gave a schedule; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Of premiums?

A. Yes; that was after some considerable time. The Wilson Company, for a long time, did not present that material.

Q. That material was given through the Department?

A. Yes.

Q. And from that point on—no attempt was made by your Department, yourself or your officials, to contact one of these companies which had been furnishing bonds to the Department, to see whether something more advantageous perhaps—or the same conditions—could not be obtained from them?

A. I looked at it this way. We had done what the companies asked to do; we had sought advice, and got it, and we passed it on to the oil companies for whatever use they wanted to make of it. It was on that basis, that I approved the letter.

Q. But still it is true, and is it not a fact thus far, that the schedule of premiums was not shown to any of the other companies? No other company was asked if they could do as good or better, so that that information could be handed to the companies?

A. That was not done; I did not see that it was necessary.

Q. It was not done?

A. I did not feel it was necessary.

Q. Am I right in saying it was not done?

A. Yes, sir, you are.

Q. That is all I want. It will make it clearer when we get these companies they were dealing with, and summarize the whole thing—

MR. BLACKWELL: You cannot summarize the whole thing, because there is still further evidence to go in.

MR. BELANGER: Summarize my whole thing.

MR. BLACKWELL: All right.

MR. BELANGER: I want to make up my mind on it, and I am trying to do things in a logical order. Then, from the point where the companies had been told, very, very kindly, of the savings they could make by going to the Wilson people and accepting the plan of the blanket bond—they did not go to the Wilson Company, as far as you know?

A. I cannot say whether they went or whether they did not.

Q. But as a matter of fact, they furnished their bonds—

A. Yes, they furnished satisfactory bonds to the Department.

Q. Coming from different bonding companies, indemnity companies, and insurance companies, and so on?

A. That is right.

MR. BLACKWELL: May I put in one more letter, and that will make the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Belanger) question more intelligible?

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): May I ask one more question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Q. Now, Mr. Millar, you said that as a result of a certain group of gasoline vendors going to the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) and asking that certain arrangements be made, you assumed a conversation took place, and you sent a gentleman to negotiate with the A. E. Wilson Company, as the result of which you sent out the letter, and now you say that even though the companies which were alleged to have made representations to the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) did not take advantage of the deal which you made—

A. We made no deal.

Q. The point is, would you not naturally assume, if a group of men went to the hon. Minister and asked that certain arrangements be made with respect to

group insurance, and those arrangements were made, that at least those who went to the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) would be grateful enough to take advantage of the arrangements which you made, and place their insurance with the Wilson Company?

A. The fact is, I approved the letter which stated that the plan was optional, and left it entirely to the company. Whether they took advantage of it or not, I cannot give any answer.

MR. BLACKWELL: Q. Mr. Millar, is it not true that subsequent to the form letter which you say went out on April 6th to some companies, and to other companies on April 11th, that some of those received the letters and communicated with the Department as to whether or not they had any option in the matter?

A. Yes.

Q. What happened as the result of the communications with the Department?

A. Immediately, sir, it being brought to my attention by the Gasoline Tax Inspector that there was some question as to the wording of this letter which I had approved in draft form on the 6th of April, I immediately brought it to the attention of the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) that such was the case.

Q. And what happened as the result of your bringing that to the attention of the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett)?

A. The hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) immediately instructed that another letter be sent out to clarify it.

Q. Was another letter sent out?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you produce that letter?

A. Yes, it was sent out—I believe the present draft of the letter was approved on May 30th.

MR. BLACKWELL: The Deputy Minister hands me something on the letterhead of the Province of Ontario stationery called "Draft" and dated May 30th, 1944.

I will read this as follows:

"We wish to further clarify our letter of April 6th regarding surety required in accordance with your Gasoline Tax Articles of Agreement.

"At the request of vendors, the Department undertook to obtain information regarding a group plan. Data was received in accordance with the Canadian Underwriters' Association and this plan outlined to you in our

letter of April 6th. It was also stated that participation in the group plan was optional.

"Please note that a bond may be furnished by any bonding company approved by the Department of Insurance; or you may submit Dominion of Canada or Province of Ontario bearer securities in lieu of surety bond.

"We trust this fully conveys to you the attitude of the Department in the matter."

Mr. Blackwell: Q. What letter or letters in accordance with that draft went out?

A. Letters were sent out to the following companies, on the following day: the Crown Dominion Oil Company, the Imperial Oil Limited, and the Joy Oil Company; and on May 30th copies went to the British American Oil Company, the Canadian Oil Companies, the Goodrich Oil Company, the McColl Frontenac, McManus Petroleums, Shell Oil Company, Sun Oil Company, and the Supertest Petroleum Corporation.

I may say, in explanation of these two different dates, that with the shortage of staff and so on, it is frequently impossible to send draft letters with a number of copies out, that is, having them mimeographed, all on a certain date.

Exhibit No. 7: A draft dated May 30th, as produced by the witness Millar.

Q. And, as the result of letters being sent to these people, in accordance with that draft, did one or more of them participate in this group plan, or did they file individual bonds, or did they fail to file any bonds at all? Can you give us that picture, as to what happened, to clean up the bond situation?

A. The bonds were all filed in accordance with our original recommendation to the hon Minister (Mr. Doucett). We feel that the Department now has sufficient coverage for our collectors.

Q. Were they filed as the result of individual filings, or participation in the group plan?

A. By individual filings.

Q. So the group plan was not carried out in any case?

A. No.

Q. Did the McManus Petroleum Company file a bond as required by the decision of the Department?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And what was the amount of the bond they finally filed?

A. I believe it was $45,000.00. If I might check that up—I have the bond here.

I have before me the bond of the McManus Petroleum Company in the amount of $45,000.00, with the London Guarantee and Accident Company, dated the 18th day of April, 1944.

Q. Now, having regard to the volume of gasoline collection, is that bond in line with the Department's policy and what is required?

A. It is still a little below what should have been required.

Q. Put it this way; is it in line or out of line with other collectors, approximately?

A. It is in line.

Q. When was this bond filed?

A. On the 18th day of April, 1944.

Q. In other words, this bond was filed prior to receiving the letter that was dispatched on May 31st?

A. That is correct.

Q. Now, were any representations made to the Department by the McManus Petroleum Company as being opposed to filing this bond?

A. Not to my knowledge, but as I understand, there was a visit by the McManus representative to my Chief Inspector of Gax Taxes.

Q. This is made by them?

A. Yes.

Q. And what may have been said on that visit was not then, nor is not now within your knowledge?

A. Except that on the date of that visit, the Chief Inspector of Gasoline Tax forwarded for my information a resume of his visit.

EXHIBIT No. 8: Bond filed by the McManus Petroleum Limited.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Just one question. Now, Mr. Millar, you said the second letter was sent out as a result of a complaint alleged by certain gasoline vendors, who had doubts in their minds whether it was optional or not, whether they participated in the group plan?

A. Yes.

Q. By whom were the complaints made? Is there any correspondence in that regard?

A. There were no letters. As I recall it, one of the companies called the Chief Inspector of Gas Tax asking if the plan was optional. That was all he asked, and the telephone was hung up. On receipt of that call, the Chief Inspector told me there was some question about the matter.

Q. As far as you know, there was only one complaint made?

A. That is as far as I can say at the moment. There may have been others. It only took one, coming to my attention, to bring it to the hon. Minister's (Mr. Doucett) attention.

MR. NIXON: Q. Did the hon. Minister (Mr. Doucett) have the knowledge—

MR. BLACKWELL: We intend to call the Chief Inspector, and I will undertake so to do.

MR. HEPBURN (Elgin): Let us adjourn, it is a quarter after one.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the Committee that copies be furnished to each member of the Committee, or simply to the leaders of the parties?

HON. MR. DREW (Prime Minister): Has the motion been disposed of regarding the production of material by the McManus Company, and the Imperielle Fuels?

MR. BLACKWELL: That was put this morning, and carried, Mr. Prime Minister.

MR. STRANGE (Brantford): Mr. Chairman, I move that each member of the Committee receive a copy of the transcript of the proceedings this morning.

MR. LEAVENS (Woodbine): I second that motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the motion; what is your pleasure?

Ayes: 22

Nays: 7

THE CHAIRMAN: I declare the motion carried, and each member of the Committee will receive a copy of the transcript.

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move we now adjourn.

Motion agreed to; the Committee adjourned *sine die*, at 1.35 p.m.

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